

Troubleshooter in trouble!

PM Modi calls for de-escalation in talks with Kuwait Emir

No end to DK Shivakumar's troubles as minister, aspirant knock on Delhi doors; Krishna Byre Gowda in Delhi for clarity on Bengaluru Development portfolio as CM retains BDA, BMRDA

BENGALURU

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar may have more firefighting to do amid dissatisfaction among his cabinet colleagues over portfolio allocations.

The CM weathered the Ramalinga Reddy storm last week after the senior leader withdrew his resignation, but looks like more turbulence is headed his way as Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, who has been allocated the Bengaluru Development portfolio, has still not taken charge.

As per sources, Gowda has his apprehensions over managing the portfolio without clarity. Gowda has been allocated the Greater Bengaluru Development portfolio, while the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) and Bengaluru Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA) remain with the Chief Minister.

Interestingly, Bengaluru Development portfolio had led to Reddy's heartburn after which he had resigned on June 5 just two days after taking oath. Reddy had claimed that he was promised the portfolio, but instead it was allocated to Gowda and Reddy was assigned Irrigation ministry. Now, it seems even the minister allocated the high-profile portfolio is seeking clarity.

The Congress leadership had managed to placate Reddy and he later took back his resignation.

Shivakumar had last week taken oath along with 13 ministers and has 21 vacancies left to fill, for which hectic lobbying is on by aspirants. The new government has been hit with a series of embarrassing resentments within the first week itself.

The 'hurtburn' called Greater Bengaluru

Byre Gowda is reportedly unhappy that BDA and BMRDA, which are responsible for major projects such as a Rs 27,000-crore Bengaluru Business Corridor, Rs 1,139-crore Hebbal short tunnel project, and the proposed Rs 18,000-crore Bidadi township, have been kept out of his portfolio. The development comes after Congress high command resolved differences with senior leader and Water Resources Minister Ramalinga Reddy, persuading him to withdraw his resignation after he was denied the Bengaluru Development portfolio. As per party sources, Gowda has landed in Delhi to urge the high command to clear the confusion over the portfolios. Along with Gowda, MLA Rizwan Arshad has also flown to Delhi amid lobbying for ministerial berths ahead of Shivakumar Cabinet's expansion. Both leaders are considered close to Rahul Gandhi. However, senior Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, are in Bengaluru for the funeral of senior AICC secretary Suraj Hegde (55), who passed away on June 7. As per sources, discussions on the issue are likely only after the leadership returns to Delhi. Congress MLA from Shivajinagar, Arshad, served as the chairman of the Joint Review Committee for the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024. The committee's work led to the establishment of the GBA. Gowda has been entrusted with the Greater Bengaluru Development portfolio. His responsibilities include the GBA, the five city corporations under GBA, the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), and the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL).

Internal dissent and Delhi rushes

The newly-formed government has been immediately hit with organizational turbulence:

PORTFOLIO UNHAPPINESS: Several senior leaders have reportedly voiced displeasure over their assigned ministries. Minister KH Muniyappa publicly requested a more significant portfolio given his seniority.

THE KB GOWDA STALLED START: Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has notably not taken charge of his department yet.

HIGH COMMAND INTERVENTION: Dissatisfied ministers and aspirants are rushing to New Delhi to lobby the Congress high command for better positions, fueling speculation that the cabinet formation is still in flux.

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES: Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara openly expressed deep disappointment over missing the CM post three times and even admitted he had considered quitting politics if denied the top role. His remarks have sparked fresh debates about internal power dynamics within the state.

THE REDDY RESIGNATION & PATCH UP: Shivakumar already had to put out fires earlier in the week when eight-time MLA Ramalinga Reddy tendered his resignation. Reddy was reportedly unhappy with being allotted the Irrigation portfolio instead of the much-coveted Bengaluru Development role. While Shivakumar managed to resolve that specific crisis after marathon late-night meetings, it highlighted the challenges the new CM faces in keeping veteran leaders aligned.

PM Modi calls for de-escalation in talks with Kuwait Emir

Modi also expressed deep concern over the escalation of tensions in West Asia and reaffirmed India's strong condemnation of attacks on Kuwait's sovereignty.

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called for de-escalation in the Middle East and stressed the need for dialogue and diplomacy during a phone call with Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

As per a statement from the Prime Minister's Office, the two leaders discussed the evolving security situation in the region.

Modi expressed "deep concern" over the escalation and reaffirmed India's "strong condemnation of attacks on Kuwait's sovereignty and territorial integrity." He also called for "de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy" to restore peace and stability as soon as possible, the statement said.

Modi thanked the Amir for his personal attention to the continued well-being and the safety of the large Indian community in Kuwait.

The development comes days after an Indian national was killed in an Iranian strike, first time since an April cease-

Inside the conversation

The two leaders exchange views on the situation in West Asia.

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fire, on the Kuwait International Airport on June 3. The attack came amid escalating tensions between Israel and Iran.

Kuwait stated that Iranian strikes killed one person, injured 63 and damaged key facilities, including diplomatic missions. Iran's IRGC claimed that the attacks targeted US bases in Kuwait in retaliation for a recent American strike on Qeshm Island in southern Iran.

Will conduct error-free NEET: Pradhan

NEW DELHI

With less than two weeks remaining for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test - Undergraduate (NEET-UG) 2026 re-examination, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that the test would be conducted in a "completely error-free" manner and that results would be declared on schedule.

He told media on Tuesday that the National Testing Agency (NTA) had completed extensive preparations for the June 21 examination and expressed confidence in the agency's ability to conduct the test smoothly. "We had said earlier that we would conduct an error-free NEET examination this time, and I want to reassure everyone once again," he said. He also assured candidates that the results would be announced on time so that students do not lose valuable academic time.

Exam in 551 cities

Pradhan said the re-examina-

NTA, NMC, ministry officials to face parliamentary panel over NEET-UG re-exam

Senior officials from the Ministries of Health and Education, the National Testing Agency (NTA) and the National Medical Commission (NMC) will brief a parliamentary panel on Wednesday on the conduct of the NEET-UG re-examination scheduled for June 21. The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare has summoned the Higher Education Secretary, the Health Secretary and senior officials of the NTA and NMC to brief members on the re-examination process. This will be the third parliamentary panel before which officials from the two ministries, the NTA and the NMC have appeared in connection with NEET-related issues.

Modi govt intoxicated on power: Cong on Ujjwala refill cut

NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday hit out at the government over its reduction of the number of subsidised refills of LPG gas cylinders under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and alleged that it only sheds "crocodile tears" on the plight of women while being "intoxicated on power".

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge in an X post said, "2016: Modi-ji claimed that the Ujjwala Yojana would liberate women from the smoke of wood-burning stoves. There was a promise of 12 subsidised cylinders a year. However, last year, that number was reduced from 12 to 9. 2026: Now, the number of subsidised cylinders has been further cut from 9 to just 4. In short a promise of 12, but an intention of giving only 4."

‘Forged signature’: CID storms Didi’s home

KOLKATA

As trouble mounts for TMC supreme Mamata Banerjee, a team of CID officers reached her Kalighat residence on Tuesday as part of the investigation into the 'forged signature controversy' that has triggered an unprecedented split in the party.

Mamata's residence, which she also uses as office, at 30B Harish Chatterjee Street was stormed by personnel from the Kalighat police station and a large contingent of women police personnel.

This comes just days after CID served notices seeking information related to the alleged forging of signatures of TMC legislators on a proposal submitted to the Assembly Speaker for recognition of the Leader of Opposition.

"In his response, Abhishek Banerjee stated that signatures of MLAs were collected at the party's central office at 30B Harish Chatterjee Street. Based on that statement, we have come here as part of the investigation," a CID officer said.

TMC leader and former MP Subhasish Chakraborty, however, said that the officers were not allowed to enter. "We have not allowed the CID to enter the premises in the absence of Abhishek Banerjee. Once he comes, the CID can come and search the house," Chakraborty said.

What's the controversy?

The signature controversy has resulted in the biggest internal crisis in the TMC's 28-year history. It is about a proposal sent to the Speaker seeking recognition of senior TMC MLA Sovande Chattopadhyay as Leader of Opposition allegedly contained forged signatures of several legislators. The allegations led to the filing of an FIR and a CID probe. This has subsequently resulted in an existential crisis for the TMC as 58 of the TMC's 80 MLAs defied the party leadership and backed expelled MLA Ritabrata Banerjee for the post instead of the party's official nominee, Sovande Chattopadhyay. Just last week, the rebel camp elected Ritabrata as LoP and secured recognition from the Assembly Speaker.

RESORT POLITICS RETURNS

Poaching fears: MP Cong moves MLAs to K'taka

BHOPAL

The Congress took several of its MLAs in Madhya Pradesh, barring a few senior legislators, from Bhopal to Bengaluru on Wednesday ahead of the Rajya Sabha polls in the state on June 18, PTI reported.

The Congress is the ruling party in Karnataka and is in the Opposition in Madhya Pradesh.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Umang Singhar told the news agency that the Congress MLAs "will definitely go to the state where our government is in power". It is "important to keep an eye out because of the way BJP [Bharatiya Janata Party] is trying to cause disruptions", he said.

While 48 Congress MLAs boarded a flight on Tuesday afternoon, another batch of legislators was likely to travel the evening, The Hindu reported.

The 230-member Assembly is going to elect three members to the Rajya Sabha on June 18. With the Assembly's effective strength at 229, a candidate requires 58 first-preference votes to win.

Of these seats, the BJP has 164 MLAs excluding the speaker. While the Congress has 63 MLAs, its ally Bharat Adivasi Party one.

The BJP has the numbers to win two of the three seats as it needs 116 votes to do so.

However, it will be left with 48 votes that are not sufficient to clinch the third seat.

As it stands, the Congress has 63 MLAs, giving it enough votes to win the third seat. This is despite the High Court having barred one MLA from voting. Another MLA's vote is uncertain because of a separate court petition seeking her disqualification.

MP Cong moves MLAs to K'taka

As the Congress moves MLAs to Bengaluru, it has sparked fears of poaching attempts.

The BJP initially fielded its National General Secretary Tarun Chugh and state unit Secretary Rajneesh Agrawal. It later named Mahesh Kewat, the chairman of the Madhya Pradesh Fishermen Welfare Board, as its third candidate.

The Congress has only fielded former MP Meenakshi Natarajan.

The BJP nominating the third candidate has led to concerns in the Congress' state leadership about possible poaching attempts.

The Congress' state chief Jitu Patwari said that while the BJP speaks about women's empowerment, it had "fielded a candidate against our women nominee despite lacking eight to ten MLAs."

Rahul pays last respects to Suraj Hegde in B'luru

BJP-JDS, Cong spar over denial of RS nomination to Deve Gowda

BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday paid his last respects to AICC secretary Suraj Hegde (55), who died of cardiac arrest late on Sunday night.

Accompanied by Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and former CM Siddaramaiah, Rahul visited Suraj's residence on BEL Road, where the mortal remains were kept. He consoled the grieving family members, including Suraj's wife Shilpa and their two sons. AICC general secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala were also present.

The cremation was held at the Hebbal crematorium on Tuesday afternoon.

Suraj, the grandson of former Chief Minister D Devaraj Urs, had worked closely with Rahul as the AICC secretary in charge of Puducherry and Tamil Nadu. He was also the vice chairman of the Karnataka State Guarantees Implementation Committee.

BJP-JDS, Cong spar over denial of RS nomination to Deve Gowda

A political slugfest broke out between the Congress and JDS after the BJP declared M Nagaraja as its Rajya Sabha candidate from Karnataka.

Congress leaders called the move a humiliation to the JDS, saying that the BJP has denied a Rajya Sabha nomination to JDS patriarch and former PM HD Deve Gowda from Karnataka for a subsequent term.

AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala said that the BJP has decided to field its former state-unit vice-president over a former PM. Hitting back, JD(S) urged Surjewala to recall what Congress did to Gowda when he was the PM. "Kannadigas have not forgotten Congress' betrayal even after 30 years."

FOOTPATHS FOR PEOPLE, NOT OBSTACLES!"

MGP Takes Up the Mission to Reclaim Mysuru's Pavements; Meeting on June 14

MYSURU

Can Mysuru achieve what many consider impossible—giving footpaths back to pedestrians?

The Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) believes it can, and has chosen this urgent civic issue as the focus of its monthly meeting on Sunday, June 14.

The meeting will be held at MGP Office, 6/1 Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, Mysuru, on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at 4.00 pm.

The discussion gains significance in the wake of a landmark Supreme Court judgment delivered in May 2025, which reaffirmed that safe, obstruction-free and disability-friendly footpaths are an integral part of the Right to Life guaranteed under Article

21 of the Constitution. This followed another major Supreme Court directive ordering a nationwide audit of footpaths in 50 cities.

The concern is far from academic. National statistics reveal that pedestrians accounted for a staggering 35,221 of the 1,72,890 road accident deaths recorded in 2023. Many of these tragedies were linked to missing footpaths, encroached pavements and the absence of safe pedestrian crossings.

Mysuru has witnessed its own painful reminders. Residents still recall the death of a senior citizen who was run over by a KSRTC bus near Vivekananda Circle last year. Equally heartbreaking was the death of a four-year-old boy in N.R. Mohalla after hot oil from a street vendor's stove



splashed on him from an encroached footpath.

To spark informed discussion, Dr. H.S. Champa, Dean of Mysuru School of Architecture, will present findings from an ongoing city-wide study conducted by architecture students.

The survey has documented the current condition of foot-

paths across Mysuru and uncovered several surprising realities, along with preliminary recommendations for improvement.

Representatives from the Police Department and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will participate in the interaction and respond to questions relating to footpath encroach-

ments. Key issues include action taken following Supreme Court directives, budget allocations for pedestrian infrastructure, relocation of authorised street vendors, and measures to prevent vehicles from parking on pavements.

A widespread public perception that corruption and vested interests have created a nexus protecting encroachments has often led to pessimism about solving the problem. MGP, however, argues that citizen participation and institutional accountability can help turn the tide.

Citizens wishing to raise questions are requested to send them in advance to: mygrapa@gmail.com. For details, contact 0821-2515150. The battle for Mysuru's footpaths may finally be stepping into the spotlight.



JWGC to host Hero women's professional golf tour from June 11

MYSURU

The prestigious Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) will host the Hero Women's Professional Golf Tour (WPGT) from June 11 to 13, marking the third consecutive year that Mysuru has been selected as a venue for India's premier women's professional golf circuit.

Addressing a press conference on Tuesday, JWGC President Arun Kumar HS said the tournament's return to Mysuru reflects the confidence reposed by the Women's Golf Association of India (WGAI) in the club's championship-standard course, infrastructure and hospitality. The tournament will be inaugurated on June 11 by Mysuru Regional Commissioner Nitish Patil.

Arun said JWGC, nestled against the backdrop of the Chamundi Hills, has emerged as a centre for sporting excellence and talent development. The club's 18-hole championship course has produced several accomplished golfers and hosted numerous prestigious tournaments over the years.

Highlighting local success stories, Arun lauded Mysuru golfer Pranavi Urs, who began her golfing journey at JWGC and has gone on to establish herself as one of India's leading professionals. Her selection to represent the country at the Asian Games 2026 is a matter of immense pride for both the club and Karnataka, he said. Pranavi's

achievements, he added, continue to inspire young golfers aspiring to compete at the highest level.

The three-day championship will feature a field of 51 players, including 11 amateurs, competing for a total prize purse of Rs 17 lakh. Golf enthusiasts can expect high-quality competition, with several of India's leading professionals in action.

International golfer Vani Kapoor described JWGC as one of the finest golf courses in the country and an ideal venue for preparing for international competition. She noted that the course closely mirrors European playing conditions, with its narrow fairways, small greens and challenging wind conditions providing a complete test of skill and strategy.

Pranavi Urs echoed those views, stating that adapting to different courses comes with experience and regular competition. She said JWGC's demanding layout helps golfers sharpen their game and prepares them for the challenges of international tournaments.

Paramjit Singh, National Tournament Director; Sudheer Bhat, Secretary, JWGC; Chandrashekar Kini, Tournament Director; Vivek Kumar, Chief Operating Officer; and internationally renowned golfers who will also be taking part in the tournament, Ridhima and Tresa Mallick, were also present.

Understanding the divine through knowledge: Prof. Chakravarti

MYSURU

Philosophers have explained the relationship between human beings and God in various ways, and true knowledge lies in understanding this relationship properly, said Prof. Nirmalya Narayan Chakravarti, Vice-Chancellor of the Presidency University, Kolkata.

Speaking after inaugurating a three-day national seminar on "Srimadhva and Sri Chaitanya – Extraordinary Propagators Who Energised the Vaishnava Movement," organised by the Department of Studies and Research in Philosophy, University of Mysore, in Manasagangotri Monday, he said that there are two major philosophical approaches that view the relationship between the individual soul (Jiva) and the Supreme Soul (Paramatma) as either distinct or unified. The Gaudiya Vaishnava tradition established by Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu explores this re-



lationship through the path of devotion (Bhakti).

Prof Chakravarti said in this tradition, Brahman is identified with Krishna, and the various manifestations created through His Hladini Shakti (divine bliss-giving power) constitute the cosmic play of Maya. This tradition presents the blissful activities created by Maya through dance and music, conveying the idea that the human soul possesses divine potential. It asserts that the world itself is a creation of God's Maya and yet remains real. Understanding this divine play (Leela) is the

path to realizing the true nature of God.

Among those present were Prof. Veeranarayana Pandurangi, Director of Purnaprajna Research Mandiram, Bengaluru; Prof. Dilip Kumar Mohanty, former Vice-Chancellor of Kalyani University, Kolkata; Girish Kumar, Member of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR); Raghunath Ghosh; Prof. M. Daniel, Director of the Department of Studies and Research in Philosophy; and visiting professors Prof. S. Venkatesh and Prof. V.N. Sheshagiri Rao.

"Need for Yogasana training at Chamundi Vihar Sports Hostel"

MYSURU

If the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports starts Yogasana training at the Chamundi Vihar Sports Hostel in Mysuru district, it will be possible to provide Yogasana athletes with quality coaching based on scientific methods and current competition rules, opined Kishore M.R., Karnataka's first NIS-certified Yoga Coach.

He said that a structured training system is essential

for the growth of Yogasana as a competitive sport. Such systematic coaching would help nurture talented Yogasana practitioners and develop athletes capable of excelling at both state and national-level competitions.

Kishore noted that establishing a dedicated training programme would significantly contribute to strengthening the sport and enhancing the competitive abilities of aspiring Yogasana athletes.



Chemists warn public against deep discounts, unsafe medicine purchases

MYSURU

Consumers should exercise caution while purchasing medicines at unusually high discounts and ensure that drugs are sourced only from authorized and licensed pharmacies, said Amanullah Khan, Secretary of the Mysore District Chemists and Druggists Welfare Association.

In a public awareness appeal issued in the interest of patient safety and public health, Khan said the recent one-day nationwide token strike by chemists and druggists was aimed at drawing attention to concerns over online medicine sales and excessive discounting practices. The pharmacists are not opposed to technology or digital advancement, but are concerned about practices that could adversely affect public health and patient safety.

Khan pointed out that medicines require specific storage conditions, including temperature control, hygiene standards and, in some cases, cold-chain maintenance. Improper storage can compromise the efficacy and potency of medicines, potentially putting patients at risk.

He noted that licensed pharmacies are regularly inspected by drug regulatory authorities to ensure compliance with storage and quality norms. Pharmacists also play a crucial role in advising patients on dosage, timing, precautions and proper usage of medicines, a service that may not always be available through online platforms.

Expressing concern over the accessibility of habit-forming and prescription medicines through certain online channels, Khan said pharmacists are legally obligated to verify prescriptions and



cannot dispense Schedule H drugs, narcotics or other restricted medicines without a valid prescription from a registered medical practitioner. Unregulated access to such medicines could lead to misuse, dependency and serious health consequences, particu-

larly among youth, he warned.

Highlighting medicine pricing regulations, Khan said the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) and the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO) regulate trade margins for medicines. Retail margins on essential medicines are generally around 16 per cent, while wholesaler margins are about 8 per cent. Therefore, consumers should be wary of exceptionally high discounts that may raise questions about the quality, authenticity, storage conditions or source of medicines.

He urged the public not to make purchasing decisions based solely on discounts and to prioritize quality, safety and efficacy. Medicines, he said, should always be purchased responsibly from authorized and trustworthy sources to safeguard public health.

World Environment Day celebrated at Mahaveer Vidyamandir

MYSURU

World Environment Day was celebrated by the My Bharat Centre, Mysuru, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, in collaboration with Mahaveer Vidyamandir, Srirampura.

The programme was inaugurated with the distribution of saplings. Headmaster of Mahaveer Vidyamandir, Srikantha Datta N., presided over the event.

Science teacher Lakshmi, the chief speaker, addressed



the students on the significance of World Environment Day and the importance of environmental conservation. The programme was attended by organiser Amit Kumar C.L., Assistant Headmistress Suma K.C., and members of the school's teaching staff.

Prizes were distributed to students who emerged victorious in the essay writing and drawing competitions organised as part of the World Environment Day celebrations. Certificates were presented to all participating students. On the occasion, the students also took a pledge expressing their commitment to environmental conservation and the creation of a greener environment.

The programme concluded with the distribution of sweets to students and the creation of awareness about environmental protection.

CII AND MCC JOINTLY CELEBRATED WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

MYSURU

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Mysuru Zone, in collaboration with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), observed World Environment Day 2026 under the global theme "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future." The initiative brought together industries, educational institutions, civic bodies, NGOs, and citizens in a large-scale collective effort to advance environmental sustainability and strengthen urban stewardship in Mysuru.

A key highlight of the World Environment Day was the launch of the "Adopt-a-Stretch" Road Adoption Initiative, a collaborative effort between CII Mysuru and Mysuru City Corporation aimed at strengthening cleanliness standards and positioning Mysuru among the cleanest cities in the country. The initiative marks the beginning of



a long-term partnership to promote cleaner, greener, and better-maintained public spaces.

Under this initiative, industries will adopt road stretches surrounding their premises, while Mysuru City Corporation will facilitate the upkeep of these stretches and strengthen enforcement

against unauthorized waste dumping through technology-enabled monitoring mechanisms. The model is designed to promote shared responsibility, behavioral change, and sustained civic engagement.

The clean-up drive saw participation from over 2,000 volunteers, including representa-



tives from industries, educational institutions, NGOs and government departments. Spanning over 80% of the ring road stretch, several tons of plastic waste were collected, contributing to improved urban hygiene and reinforcing the importance of responsible waste management and citizen participation.

This was followed by an awareness session at JK Grounds, bringing together stakeholders to deliberate on sustainable urban practices, responsible waste management, and the critical role of community participation in environmental conservation.

Shaikh Tanveer Asif, IAS, Commissioner, Mysuru City

Corporation; Sam Cherian, Vice Chairman, CII Karnataka State Council; Utsav Agarwal, Chairman, CII Mysuru Zone; and Savitha Mallappa, Vice Chairperson, CII Mysuru Zone, graced the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the MCC Commissioner appreciated CII Mysuru's commitment towards civic and

environmental stewardship and noted that initiatives like Adopt-a-Stretch would play a pivotal role in fostering shared responsibility for urban cleanliness, while reinforcing Mysuru's position as one of India's cleanest cities.

Sam Cherian opined that sustainable plastic waste management requires a collective commitment from industry, government, and citizens to promote responsible consumption, segregation, recycling, and circular economy practices, while highlighting the Adopt-a-Stretch initiative as a meaningful step towards strengthening community ownership, environmental stewardship, and sustainable urban development.

Through initiatives such as the Adopt-a-Stretch, CII Mysuru aims to drive long-term behavioural change while strengthening structured stakeholder participation in environmental conservation.



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**Free health camp benefits 650 police personnel in Bengaluru**

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
A free health check-up camp for police personnel was organised at various police stations in Bengaluru in collaboration with Aashirvaad by Aliaxis and Smile Foundation. The camp offered screenings for heart disease, hearing loss and eye-related ailments, along with various diagnostic tests. Special consultation facilities with gynecologists were also arranged for women police personnel. Speaking on the occasion, Sudeep Agarwal, Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Aashirvaad by Aliaxis, said the initiative was aimed at creating awareness about the importance of regular medical check-ups for police personnel who work tirelessly to ensure public safety.

Transgender groups clash near police station

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Tension prevailed near the Madiwala police station after a clash broke out between two groups of transgender people. According to reports, a scuffle between the groups escalated, with members of one group allegedly attacking the other. When the victims approached the Madiwala police station to file a complaint, another confrontation reportedly occurred between the rival groups. Alleging that police refused to register their complaint, the transgender persons staged a protest by blocking Hosur Road. Traffic movement was disrupted for some time as protesters repeatedly blocked the busy road, demanding police action and justice. Police later intervened to restore normal traffic flow.

Minor driving car injures two bikers; parents booked by police

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Two persons were injured after a car driven by a minor boy rammed into their motorcycle near BDA Park in Bengaluru. The injured have been identified as Arun Kumar and Vinay. According to police, the car hit the bike from behind, causing both riders to sustain injuries. After the accident, the driver allegedly attempted to flee the scene. However, local residents intercepted the vehicle and discovered that the driver was a minor. Following a complaint by the injured persons, the Jnanabharathi Traffic Police registered a case against the minor and his parents. Further investigation is underway.

Women to get smart cards; 5,000 new buses planned statewide

State to issue free smart cards and expand bus fleet

BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has decided to introduce smart cards for women beneficiaries of the Shakti Yojana, enabling them to travel more efficiently and seamlessly on government-run buses across the state. Transport Minister Byrathi Suresh announced the initiative after officially assuming charge of the Transport Department.

The minister said more than three crore women are expected to benefit from the smart card system, which will be provided free of cost under the Shakti scheme. The cards will allow women to avail free travel benefits without the need for manual verification during every journey.



Byrathi Suresh said men will also be able to obtain similar smart cards by paying a prescribed fee, similar to the Metro card system. These cards can be recharged whenever the balance is exhausted. Given the large number of cards to be issued, the government plans to invite tenders for their production and distribution. Officials have been instructed

to initiate the process at the earliest and implement the project on a pilot basis before expanding it across the state.

After taking charge, the minister visited the headquarters of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) and held a review meeting with senior officials of all four state-run transport corporations — KSRTC, Bangalore

Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMT), North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) and Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC).

Reviewing the performance of the department, Suresh said the Congress government's guarantee schemes have significantly improved the lives of citizens, especially women. He noted that the Shakti Yojana has benefited crores of women and increased bus ridership by nearly 40 per cent since its launch.

The minister also unveiled plans to strengthen public transport infrastructure by adding 5,000 new buses to the fleet. Of these, 1,000 buses will be purchased using state government funds.

"In addition, 4,000 electric buses will be procured with financial assistance from the Central government. These buses will be purchased in phases and distributed among the four transport corporations based on operational requirements," he said.

Emphasising passenger safety, particularly for women and girls, Byrathi Suresh directed officials to expedite the installation of Vehicle Location Tracking Systems (VLTS) in commercial vehicles, including taxis, cabs and other passenger transport vehicles.

The minister said the government remains committed to modernising public transport while ensuring safer, greener and more accessible mobility for all citizens.

Immuneel raises Rs 100 crore to expand affordable cancer therapies

BENGALURU

Immuneel Therapeutics, the cell and gene therapy company founded by Biocon chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, has raised more than Rs 100 crore from a group of new investors, including Singularity AMC, Rainmatter by Zerodha and several high-net-worth individuals.

The company is focused on developing and commercialising advanced cell and gene therapies for cancer and other serious diseases. The fresh capital infusion is expected to accelerate its efforts to expand manufacturing capacity, strengthen research programmes and broaden access to life-saving treatments. Immuneel recently launched Qartem, an approved CAR-T therapy for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, is now expanding its presence.

Cybersecurity talent crunch fuels massive job switching across India

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India's cybersecurity sector is witnessing intense competition for skilled professionals, with nearly one in five cybersecurity experts changing jobs annually amid growing demand and a widening talent gap, according to a report by Careernet.

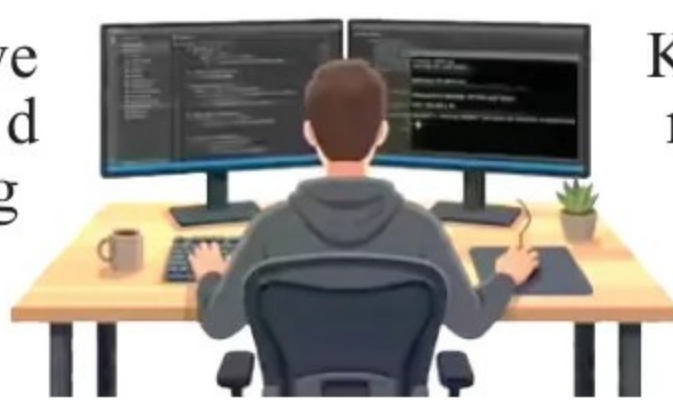
The report estimates that annual mobility in India's cybersecurity workforce has reached 18.9 per cent, resulting in nearly 57,000 professionals switching employers every year. The trend reflects increasing demand for specialised cybersecurity expertise as organisations face escalating cyber threats and rapidly evolving technology environments.

India has emerged as a major hotspot in the global cyber threat landscape. Data from the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) shows that cybersecurity incidents rose from 394,000 in 2019 to 1.5 million in 2023. The report estimates that inci-

dent volumes have nearly doubled again, reaching around 3 million cases in 2025.

India currently has an estimated cybersecurity workforce of around 300,000 professionals, accounting for approximately 5.5 per cent of the global experienced cybersecurity talent pool of 5.5 million. However, workforce growth has struggled to keep pace with increasing cyber risks and the demand for advanced security capabilities.

The report notes that around 65,000 cybersecurity professionals are actively seeking new opportunities, while employers are attempting to fill nearly 39,000 open positions. The annual talent pipeline adds between 40,000 and 60,000 professionals, but demand continues to outstrip supply in several specialised domains.

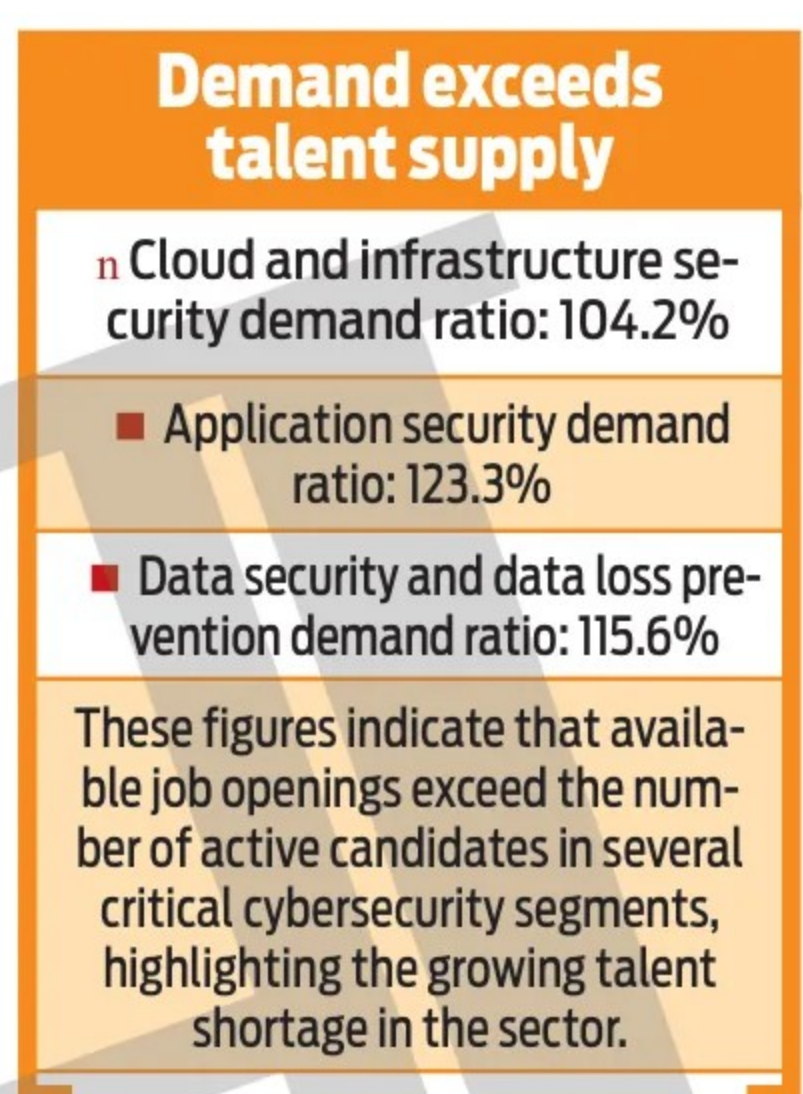


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Key sectors driving recruitment include banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI), information technology and IT-enabled services, government and defence, telecommunications, and healthcare.

The highest attrition rates were reported in cloud-native and container security (26.67 per cent), AI and machine learning security (25.97 per cent), cloud and infrastructure security (23.04 per cent), endpoint security (22.92 per cent), and security operations and monitoring (22.24 per cent).

According to Anshuman Das, CEO and co-founder of Careernet, traditional areas such as governance, risk and compliance have relatively balanced talent availability. However, emerging domains including AI and ML security, privacy protection, cloud-na-



tive security, blockchain and Web3 security, and quantum-safe security continue to face severe demand-supply imbalances.

India's cybersecurity talent ecosystem has largely evolved through the IT services industry and large security operations centres serving global clients.

While this model has created scale, experts believe it has not developed sufficient depth in newer technology-focused security disciplines.

Infosys defers hiring assessments after detecting cheating and impersonation cases

BENGALURU

IT services major Infosys has postponed online and in-person hiring assessments for more than 20,000 job applicants after uncovering multiple instances of impersonation and malpractice during recruitment evaluations.

The company, which recruits students from around 300 to 400 colleges across India every year, deferred assessments for Specialist Programmer (Trainee) and Digital Specialist Engineer (Trainee) positions after detecting attempts to manipulate the evaluation process.

Following the discovery, Infosys introduced additional safeguards and verification mechanisms aimed at protecting the integrity of its recruitment system. In a communication sent to candidates, the company informed applicants



that the scheduled assessments had been deferred and that revised dates would be announced once a new evaluation plan is finalised. "We truly appreciate your flexibility and understanding. The revised exam date will be shared with all registered candidates in due course," the company stated in its email.

Infosys clarified that both the online hiring examination and in-person evaluations for the affected roles have been postponed. The company said all impacted candidates have been informed and fresh schedules

will be communicated soon.

Despite the deferment, Infosys stressed that its hiring commitments remain unchanged.

"This deferment does not impact our hiring plans. We remain focused on identifying, hiring and nurturing top talent," the company said. The Bengaluru-headquartered technology giant continues to recruit aggressively from campuses across the country. During FY26, Infosys added more than 20,000 fresh graduates and has indicated a similar intake target for FY27. The company conducts its online screening and talent assessment programmes through its digital learning platform, Springboard. The platform has reached over 15 million users, including students, educators, employees, client workforces and community members through various digital skilling initiatives.

HCU upholds BWSSB's power to lay sewer lines on pvt land

BENGALURU

In a significant ruling with implications for Bengaluru's infrastructure projects, the Karnataka High Court has upheld the constitutional validity of Section 77 of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) Act, which empowers the water utility to lay sewerage pipelines through private land without acquiring the property or paying compensation in advance.

The ruling came from a single-judge bench headed by Justice Suraj Govindaraj after hearing a batch of petitions filed by T.N. Chandrashekar Gowda, an 80-year-old woman identified as Jethronica, and others. The petitioners had chal-

lenged the BWSSB's decision to install sewerage pipelines across their land, arguing that it infringed upon their property rights.

Rejecting the challenge, the court observed that special powers granted to the BWSSB are necessary to ensure effective urban sanitation and public health management in a rapidly growing metropolis like Bengaluru. The bench noted that the civic life of a large city depends heavily on efficient water supply and sewerage systems. Since drainage infrastructure is vital for public health, environmental protection and urban development, larger public interest must prevail over individual inconvenience in such cases.

CBSE evaluation concerns push students towards PU colleges

BENGALURU

Growing concerns over alleged evaluation errors in the Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) On-Screen Marking (OSM) system are prompting a noticeable shift of students from CBSE schools to Pre-University (PU) colleges in Bengaluru.

Several schools have reported students withdrawing from Class 11 admissions despite forfeiting advance fees, reflecting a deepening trust deficit among parents and students. Many fear that inconsistencies in CBSE evaluation, particularly in core subjects such as Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics, could affect their future academic prospects.

The concern is particularly significant in Karnataka, where admissions to professional courses consider an equal weightage of marks obtained in the Common Entrance Test (CET) and Class 12 board examinations. Parents worry that lower scores in CBSE assessments could place students at a disadvantage compared to their PU counterparts.

A senior secondary coordinator at a CBSE school in Bengaluru said five students recently withdrew from Class 11 after the CBSE controversy surfaced. "Our admissions began in November and continued until March. Students paid a deposit of ₹30,000. Despite not receiving refunds, five students chose to leave because their parents were worried about the uncertainty surrounding CBSE evaluation," the teacher said.

BESCOM expands OC relaxation, offers major relief to homeowners

BENGALURU

In a significant relief for homeowners across Bengaluru, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) has clarified that residential buildings measuring up to 2,400 sq ft are not required to obtain an Occupancy Certificate (OC) to obtain a permanent electricity connection, provided construction was completed before May 31, 2026.

The decision effectively broadens the Karnataka government's recent relaxation of OC



norms and resolves widespread confusion among homeowners, builders and electrical contractors regarding eligibility for permanent power connections.

The uncertainty arose after the state government, acting on an announcement by Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, exempted houses up to 2,400 sq ft from the OC requirement that had become mandatory following a Supreme Court directive. However, the government order appeared to suggest that only applications submitted before May 31 would qualify for the relaxation.

This triggered concerns among thousands of homeowners who were unable to apply earlier because BESCOM offi-

cials had reportedly stopped accepting applications from property owners lacking approved building plans after the Supreme Court's December 2024 ruling.

Homeowners and electrical contractors argued that the cut-off condition was unfair, as many applicants had no opportunity to submit requests during the period of uncertainty.

Satish Kumar, a resident of Kengeri, said he completed construction of his house in October 2025 and moved in the following month using a temporary electricity connection.

"When I approached BESCOM for a permanent connection, officials refused to accept my application citing the Supreme Court order. We continued to live with a temporary connection. It is unfair to insist on a cut-off date when applications were not even being accepted," he said.

The Karnataka Electrical Contractors' Association (KECA) also welcomed the clarification. KECA president C. Ramesh pointed out that applications under the Sakala framework remain valid only for a limited

period and lapse if not processed within the stipulated timeframe. "Most homeowners waited for clarity from the government instead of repeatedly filing fresh applications," he said.

Contractors have also sought clarification regarding commercial buildings and paying guest accommodations, arguing that a broader interpretation of the relaxation could benefit nearly five lakh buildings instead of only a few thousand. A senior BESCOM official clarified that eligible homeowners will not lose the benefit of the exemption.

QUICK READ



Water supply disruption planned in Mandya city

CH NEWS, Mandya Maintenance work at the 66/11 KV power substation in Srirangapatna taluk, which supplies electricity to the Mandya Nagar water supply system, will be carried out by CE SC on June 11 from 10 am to 6 pm. Due to this, water supply will be disrupted in Mandya on June 11 and 12. An official from Mandya sub-division said residents should cooperate and store water in advance. Assistant Executive Engineer of Mandya sub-division stated in a release that the maintenance is necessary for smooth functioning of the water supply system and requested public understanding during the temporary inconvenience.

Direct interview job drive announced in Mandya

CH NEWS, Mandya The Mandya District Employment Exchange Office, in association with SK Safety Wing Pvt Ltd, ICICI and Incast Missions, has organized a direct interview on June 12 at 10 am at the District Employment Exchange Office in Mandya. Vacancies include Warehouse Associates for picking, packing, scanning, sorting and stowing, along with roles like relationship manager, welder and fitter. Candidates who have passed SSLC, PUC, ITI in welder or fitter trades, or any degree, and aged between 18 and 50 years, can attend with resume. Drive aims to provide local job opportunities widely. For more information contact 916464 2684, 9113500761, 91138 75775 and 9741939716.

Govt extends housing scheme deadline for urban applicants

CH NEWS, Chitradurga The online application deadline for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban housing scheme for 2025-26 has been extended till June 30. Eligible groups include single women, senior citizens, disabled persons, transgender people, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, backward classes and minorities. Sanitation workers, street vendors, Vishwakarma scheme workers, Anganwadi workers, construction workers and migrant families can also apply. Residents of Hiriyur Municipal Corporation should apply online at pmayurban.gov.in. They can also visit Ashraya/Vasati Branch for guidance. Officials advised applicants to complete submissions carefully and use the extended time for benefits.

FUEL-PRICE-BURDEN

LPG price hike sparks concern in Srinivasapur

SRINIVASPUR The price of domestic LPG cylinder has risen again in Srinivasapur reaching ₹955 for a 14.2-kg refill creating worry among residents who depend on it for daily cooking. The increase comes at a time when the cost of essential commodities is already high across the country adding pressure on household budgets and daily spending for ordinary families. Residents say rising prices of fuel, food items, cooking gas, fertilizers and other essentials have made it diffi-

DOMESTIC LPG CYLINDER PRICE RISES AGAIN: REACHES ₹955

The price of domestic LPG cylinder has been increased again.

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cult to manage monthly expenses and maintain financial stability. Shabbir Ahmed a local minority leader said the LPG price hike will heavily affect workers farmers daily wage earners and middle-class families already struggling with

inflation. He also said rising costs of petrol diesel cooking gas seeds fertilizers and other farm inputs are increasing production costs and reducing profits for farmers in rural areas. He urged the Central Government to control inflation stabilize prices and introduce measures to reduce the financial burden on citizens across the country. Meanwhile public dissatisfaction is growing as residents continue to demand strong action to ensure price stability and protect household incomes from rising costs. The continu-

ous rise in LPG prices has triggered widespread concern among households in Srinivasapur where many families depend on government-regulated cooking gas for their daily needs. Local residents believe that if prices keep increasing it will become harder for low-income groups to manage basic cooking expenses. Many have requested authorities to take quick action and provide relief measures as inflation continues to affect both urban and rural communities and put additional stress on everyday life.

DC directed review of NITK's Hamilton Circle redesign and fast-tracked Pumpwell bus stand land allocation to ease traffic and improve transport

Strict action planned to improve traffic flow in Mangaluru

MANGALURU Deputy Commissioner Darshan H V has directed the city corporation and police department to jointly inspect junctions and roundabouts and take immediate steps to ensure smooth traffic movement across the district. He gave the instructions while chairing the District Road Safety Committee meeting held at the District Commissioner's office on Tuesday. Officials said complaints have increased about traffic congestion due to illegal parking, roadside encroachments and street vending at major junctions and roads in the city. The Deputy Commissioner said all concerned departments including urban local bodies, RTO and police must coordinate and take strict action to improve traffic flow. National Highways Author-

ity of India Project Director Abdullah Javid Azmi said several safety measures including signals, zebra crossings and speed control systems have been introduced on key highway stretches. He added that divider openings causing accidents have been closed at several locations and road widening and underpass works are progressing in key areas including Baikampady and Nanthur. Officials also raised concerns about encroachments at major junctions like Kallapur, Jeppinamogaru and Thokkottu and demanded immediate clearance action. The issue of fish truck water leakage causing bad smell and road pollu-

tion was also discussed and officials suggested building treatment tanks at entry points like Talapady and Mulki to solve the problem. The Deputy Commissioner instructed officials to review scientific redesign proposals for Hamilton Circle submitted by NITK and take necessary action. He also directed that bus stand land allocation at Pumpwell be completed quickly to ease city traffic and improve public transport operations. Police officials reported strict enforcement action including over 1800 drunk driving cases and suspension of 384 driving licenses due to violations and accidents in the district. Authorities said continuous coordination between departments is essential to reduce accidents and ensure safer and smoother traffic movement across Mangaluru city.

Ingaladal school hosts unity workshop for students

CHITRADURGA A National Unity Workshop 2026-27 was inaugurated at Sanchalappa Nayak High School in Ingaladal village near Chitradurga for students to promote unity and national integration. He said India is a country of unity in diversity and people should follow the mantra of unity beyond caste and religion. He also said learning language culture and heritage helps children feel proud of being Indians. Dr B M Gurunath, Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department, presided and said communal tensions are a concern and unity programs

are important. He appreciated the workshop for teaching rural students nationalism and unity. Headmaster G P Anand Kumar said reading works of poets saints and sages builds emotional unity and national pride among students. He said this helps strengthen self respect and feeling of my country my people. K P A A Ganeshaiah conducted practical training for students on patriotic songs including the national anthem and other compositions. He trained them on works of Kuvempu Tagore and Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and explained their national importance.

S K Mallikarjun was felicitated by Rangasaurabha Kala Sangha for his service and his promotion in KFCSC. He had earlier served in Food Department and Kannada and Culture Department as Assistant Director. Teachers and guests appreciated the program for promoting unity among students in rural areas. Speakers said such workshops help reduce communal feelings and build national harmony in society. It was noted that students actively participated in prayer and cultural activities and organizers said such programs will continue to strengthen unity awareness and patriotism among young learners.

Nav Nirman Sena alleges municipal corruption scandal

KOPPAL Leaders of Karnataka Nav Nirman Sena alleged large scale corruption in Koppal City Municipal Council and demanded a detailed investigation from the government. District unit members staged a protest and submitted documents to the Additional District Collector alleging misuse of funds in several municipal works. Officials said over phone that if a formal complaint with documents is submitted, ac-

tion will be taken against those responsible and an effort will be made to recover the misused money and ensure punishment for the guilty persons. The Additional District Collector also assured that the matter would be discussed with the District Collector and suitable steps would be taken soon. The organization said that the response from officials has given them confidence in their fight against corruption and their aim is to stop misuse of public tax money in the city. They

further alleged that irregularities have taken place in hundreds of municipal works and demanded strict legal action against all those involved. The leaders warned that if action is not taken, they will intensify the agitation in the coming days and stage protests in front of the municipal council office. They urged the government to verify all records and ensure justice to the public, also appeals for transparent inquiry and immediate action to protect public funds and maintain trust.

Chief Justice to launch plantation programme

Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru will launch a five crore sapling drive at Muddenahalli on June 13 for environment protection

CHIKKABALLAPURA The State Legal Services Authority along with the District Administration and partner institutions with the aim of environmental protection. He said the programme reflects the message that protecting the environment is everyone's responsibility and it will officially begin in Chikkaballapura district. Officials said the event will also be attended by senior judges and members of the



State Legal Services Authority including H Shashidhar Shetty along with other dignitaries. As part of the initiative, five lakh saplings will be

planted in Chikkaballapura district this year and citizens have been urged to protect and nurture the planted trees. The District Legal Services Authority also announced that court proceedings in Manchenahalli and Chelur will function in rented buildings twice a week until permanent court infrastructure is completed. Officials said land identification for new court buildings

is under progress and steps are being taken to strengthen judicial facilities in the district. They also informed that new judges have been appointed to Chintamani and Gudibande courts and will assume duty from June 15 to clear pending cases faster. A Bruhat Lok Adalat will be held on July 11 across all courts in the district where citizens are encouraged to settle disputes through compromise. Officials said more than one lakh twelve thousand cases have already been resolved through earlier Lok Adalats and around sixteen thousand cases are ready for the upcoming session. District Legal Services Authority Member Secretary B Shilpa was also present at the briefing and supported the appeal for public participation in legal awareness and environmental initiatives.

Garbage dumps turned into colorful art sites

DODDABALLAPUR The Doddaballapur Municipality has started turning garbage dump sites into art spaces to discourage people from littering. This step aims to improve city cleanliness and create awareness about proper waste disposal among residents. Earlier, garbage was dumped on roadsides across the city, creating more than one hundred black spots and harming its beauty. The municipality with support from the Indian Institute for Human Settlements has converted over forty such spots into attractive art sites. These locations now feature rangoli designs and artwork made from waste materials like tyres and plastic buckets to spread awareness. Officials say that under new solid waste rules households are required to separate wet dry sanitary and special waste for collection. Authorities have also imposed fines on households that fail to hand over waste to collection vehicles regularly to improve compliance. Local leaders say migration has increased the challenge as some residents do not take responsibility for maintaining cleanliness in neighborhoods. Officials and residents alike



are being urged to cooperate and keep the city clean for better health and environment. Awareness drives wall paintings and community programmes are being organised in several wards to educate citizens about waste segregation and responsible disposal habits. After conversion of many black spots into art areas officials report that dumping has reduced significantly in those locations over the past few weeks. Residents are now urged to continue supporting the municipality by avoiding littering and using garbage collection vehicles so that the city remains clean healthy and visually appealing for all people living in Doddaballapur in the long run.

Mandya achieves 96.59 percent voter mapping

MANDYA District Collector Dr Kumar said that the Special Comprehensive Revision of the electoral roll is being carried out across the state and instructed officials to complete pending mapping work soon in Mandya district. He said the mapping work has already reached 96.59 percent progress and directed officials to ensure full completion without delay in a transparent and systematic manner. He spoke at a review meeting held at the District Collector's office regarding electoral roll revision and preparations for Gram Panchayat elections 2026. The Collector instructed Booth Level Officers to conduct door to door visits and collect voter information carefully without any errors and warned that strict action will be taken against absent or negligent officials. He said training programmes have already been arranged for booth level staff and they must report properly on the work completed during training sessions. He added that the main aim of the revision is to ensure no eligible voter is left out and no ineligible name is included in



the voter list. He noted that there is some public confusion about the process and officials must clearly explain its purpose and remove misconceptions among citizens. He said the revision includes verification of draft voter lists removal of deceased and shifted voters and inclusion of new eligible voters in the system. Voters were asked to fill prescribed forms and submit them during house visits by booth level officers and can also upload forms online for convenience. Deputy Collector BC Sivanandamurthy instructed officials to distribute duplicate census forms during house visits and guide citizens in filling them correctly. Senior officials including Zilla Panchayat Deputy Secretary P Lakshmi Sub Divisional Officer Shivamurthy and Tahsildars from all taluks attended the meeting and reviewed the progress of the revision process in detail for smooth implementation.

MLA Harish Gowda launches pipeline project to revive lakes

HUNSUR Somanahalli lake in Hunsur taluk has come alive again after remaining dry for three years as major pipeline works have begun under a new government funded project led by MLA G D Harish Gowda. The project costing three crore rupees aims to restore water supply to Somanahalli and Maradur lakes which had affected farming and groundwater levels in surrounding villages badly. Farmers in the region had stopped agricultural activities due to water shortage and the revival of the lake system has brought fresh hope for cultivation and rural life. Earlier attempts to fill four lakes failed due to repeated damage to pipelines but officials later approved a permanent solution using 2.5 kilometres of MS pipes. Speaking at the launch MLA Harish Gowda said restoring lakes is vital for farmers water security and improving groundwater levels across villages in the constituency. He added that several develop-



MLA Harish Gowda said lake restoration is vital for farmers' water security and groundwater, and also launched roads, drains, halls, and infrastructure development works

ment works including roads drains and community halls were also launched along with fresh grants for local infrastructure improvement. The MLA also expressed concern over delayed government funds due to guarantee schemes but said he would meet ministers and the Chief Minister to secure allocations for constituency development. Officials and local leaders

present at the event welcomed the project saying it would restore life to lakes and improve drinking water availability in the region. Local villagers in Somanahalli and nearby areas welcomed the start of the lake restoration work as it is expected to improve agriculture and drinking water supply. They said the project will help raise groundwater levels and bring back farming activities that had stopped for several years. Harish Gowda reiterated that development of the constituency remains his top priority and promised continued efforts to secure funds from the state government. He also said lakes are lifelines of rural communities and restoring them will ensure long term ecological balance and economic stability for farmers in the region. The MLA said he would continue working with officials, banks and departments to ensure timely completion of irrigation projects, better rural infrastructure and improved living conditions for farmers.

QUICK READ

Farmers invited for horticulture subsidy applications**Chikkaballapura**

Applications have been invited for subsidy support under horticulture and agriculture schemes in Chikkaballapura for the year 2026-27. Farmers can apply for many facilities including irrigation, storage, and plantation development. The last date for submission is June 22. Officials asked eligible farmers to apply on time. Farmers may receive support for shade nets, onion storage units, drip irrigation, fruit crops like mango, banana, papaya, pomegranate and grape under National Horticulture Mission. Applications should be submitted at the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture office in Gowribidanur.

Applications invited for Cooperative Management course**Mangaluru**

The Mangaluru-based Karnataka Institute of Co-operative Management has invited applications for its six-month Diploma in Cooperative Management course starting July 1. The program is offered in both regular and distance education modes. Candidates from Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Kasaragod districts, including Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe applicants as well as employees of cooperative institutions and banks, are eligible. The last date to apply is June 30. Minimum qualification required is SSLC. SC/ST students will receive a monthly stipend of ₹600, while other students will get ₹500. The curriculum includes cooperative management, credit and banking, laws, accounting, auditing and computer operations. The diploma is recognised for jobs in cooperative banks, milk unions and other cooperative institutions.

Applications open for National Disability Awards 2026-27**Mangaluru**

Applications have been invited for the National Awards for Persons with Disabilities for the year 2026-27, instituted by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The awards recognise outstanding contributions in areas such as empowerment, rehabilitation, education, skill development, employment generation, accessibility, research, innovation, sports, arts and literature. Applications can be collected from the Department for Empowerment of Differently Aabled and Senior Citizens at the Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat in Mangaluru. Completed applications must be submitted in English by July 25.

MLA Vedavyasa Kamath inaugurates new college facilities

MLA stressed clean toilets and safe drinking water for student health, praising MRPL's support for school infrastructure development

MANGALURU

MLA Vedavyasa Kamath inaugurated newly constructed boys' and girls' toilets, an overhead water tank, and a drinking water purification unit at the Government Pre-University College in Nalyapadavu, Shakthinagar.

The facilities have been developed under the MRPL Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative aimed at improving basic infrastructure and student welfare in educational institutions.

Speaking at the event, the



MLA said that essential amenities such as clean toilets and safe drinking water play a crucial role in maintaining student health, hygiene, and

overall learning conditions. He appreciated MRPL for responding positively to requests for infrastructure development and expressed

hope for continued collaboration in future projects.

Harish Rao, Manager of MRPL's CSR division, said the organisation remains committed to supporting community development and enhancing health and hygiene standards in educational institutions.

College Principal Jayananda N. Suvarna thanked MRPL and the MLA for providing modern sanitation facilities and a safe drinking water system on campus. He said the infrastructure would significantly benefit students and

staff.

The programme was attended by former corporators Vanitha Prasad and Shakeela Kava, school headmistress Sharada, Padavu Friends Club president Kushal Kumar, CBC member Ashok Nayak, SDMC president Kishore, entrepreneurs Vijay Shenoy and Prasad, senior teacher Dakshayini, lecturer Saraladevi, and others.

Senior lecturer Saraladevi P. compered the event, while high school headmaster Prashanth Kumar delivered the vote of thanks ANCHOR

Ten arrested in Channagiri gang rape case

DAVANAGERE

Police have arrested ten youths in connection with the gang rape of a 41-year-old woman in Channagiri taluk of Davanagere district. The incident reportedly took place on June 3 within the limits of Basava Town police station and came to light after the victim filed a complaint.

According to police, the woman was returning home after a quarrel with her husband when the accused approached her. The youths, who had gone out for pig hunting, allegedly offered her a cool drink after noticing that she was tired. They reportedly mixed alcohol in the drink and later took her to a nearby garden, where they sexually assaulted her through the night.

Voter list revision schedule announced in Yadgir

Voter mapping in the district is over 97%, covering most taluks, with 10.14 lakh of 10.5 lakh voters mapped and door-to-door verification ongoing

YADGIR

District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Pandve Rahul announced the Special Comprehensive Revision schedule of the voter list issued by the Election Commission of India and appealed for public cooperation. He said the revision process will begin on June 20 and aims to prepare a transparent and accurate electoral roll across the district.

According to the schedule, form printing and training of officials will be conducted from June 20 to June 29. He

added that the house to house voter survey will be carried out from June 30 to July 29 across all taluks.

The draft voter list will be published on August 5, followed by a claims and objections period from August 5 to September 4. He said the final disposal of claims and objections will be completed by October 3 and the final voter list will be published on October 7. The eligibility cut off date for the revision has been fixed

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October 1. The Deputy Commissioner informed that voter mapping work in the district has reached over ninety seven percent in most taluks with significant progress in Shorapur Shahapur Yadgir Gurmatkal Vadagera and Hunasagi. He said out of more than ten lakh fifty thousand voters in the district, over ten lakh fourteen thousand have already been mapped and the remaining work is in progress. He urged

booth level officials to ensure door to door verification and asked citizens to cooperate by providing accurate information during the survey.

He also said the objective of the revision is to ensure that no eligible voter is left out and no ineligible name is included in the final list. Officials including Additional Deputy Commissioner Ramesh Kolar and Assistant Commissioner Sridhar Gotur were present at the press conference and reviewed the progress of the revision exercise across the district for smooth implementation.

MLA urged regular water testing, reliable supply, and removal of stagnant water to prevent disease during monsoon season

MLA Mantar Gowda stresses monsoon preparedness in Kodagu district

MADIKERI

With monsoon rains intensifying across Kodagu district, MLA Dr Mantar Gowda has directed officials to strengthen disaster preparedness and ensure uninterrupted supply of safe drinking water in the region. He issued the instructions during a Task Force Committee Meeting held at the Madikeri Tahsildar office with participation from taluk level officers, PDOs, police and other departmental heads.

The MLA stressed that drinking water sources must be tested regularly and supply systems should not be allowed to fail during the rainy season under any circumstances. He warned that stagnant water in coconut shells, tyres and other waste materials should be removed quickly to prevent the spread of infectious diseases in both rural and urban areas.

Officials were instructed to clean canals and roadside drains so that rainwater flows smoothly and does not cause flooding in low lying localities.

Dr Mantar Gowda expressed concern over drinking water shortage in several villages and said the administration must treat the issue as a top priority without delay. He also directed officials to alert residents in landslide prone and flood affected areas and ensure timely evacuation if rainfall intensity increases in the coming days.

The MLA suggested setting up care centres with adequate food stock, medical support and basic facilities for displaced families during emergency situations. He asked departments to maintain coordination between revenue, police, forest, fire and public works teams to handle emergencies such as fallen trees and damaged electric poles.

Officials were told to share contact numbers of nodal officers and ensure communication systems remain active so that emergency responses can be carried out quickly.

The MLA also instructed gram panchayats to conduct local meetings and submit detailed reports on preparedness measures and safety arrangements in vulnerable regions. He emphasised protection of livestock and suggested setting up cattle care centres with sufficient fodder arrangements to support farmers during heavy rains.

School and hostel safety was also reviewed and officials were asked to check transportation arrangements for children travelling to educational institutions in rural areas. Municipal and taluk officials reported that drain cleaning, tree trimming and relocation awareness activities have already been initiated in several sensitive zones across Madikeri.

Bad roads in Bhalki taluk disrupt smooth traffic

BHALKI

While several roads in Bhalki taluk, including those in urban areas, are reported to be in good condition, many connecting and interior roads remain severely damaged, causing inconvenience to commuters and disrupting smooth traffic movement.

Key routes such as Telgaon village canal road to Talawada (M), Sompur and Atnoor, Davargao to Masimad, and Bidar-Bhalki main road connections to nearby villages including Dharajwadi, Kotgalyal-Nittur (B), and Valasang-pati to Beeri (K) have developed potholes and uneven surfaces. Residents say these stretches have become difficult to travel on daily.

Locals also highlighted that roads connecting areas such as the lecturer's colony main road to Shahunagar, the road to the Forest Range Office, and the Hanuman Bakery stretch towards Tukde Hospital are in poor condition, making commuting unsafe and uncomfortable.

Residents from Sompur and Atnoor said that small bridges on some routes get submerged during heavy rains, cutting off connectivity and causing major disruptions. They added that school buses, public



transport vehicles and two-wheelers regularly use these roads, increasing the risk of accidents.

Villagers from Davargao and Masimad said commuters are forced to navigate potholes and loose gravel, leading to frequent skidding incidents and minor injuries, especially among two-wheeler riders.

In several urban pockets, residents also pointed out issues caused by repeated digging for water pipeline connections, which has left uneven surfaces and water stagnation, resulting in foul smell and mosquito breeding.

Locals urged authorities to take up immediate repair and reconstruction works, stressing that better road infrastructure is essential for safer travel, improved trade, and overall development of both rural and urban areas in the taluk.

MLA Daddal orders adequate seed supply for farmers

RAICHUR

MLA Basanagouda Daddal has directed officials of the Agriculture Department to ensure timely availability and proper distribution of seeds and fertilizers to farmers during the ongoing monsoon season. He stressed that any delay or shortage in supply could seriously affect agricultural activities and the livelihood of farmers in the region.

He was speaking at a review meeting held at the Rural MLA office hall in Raichur, where preparations for the kharif season and the availability of agricultural inputs were discussed in detail with departmental officials.

The MLA instructed that Agriculture Department staff must mandatorily be present at all Raitha Samparka Kendras across every hobli in the taluk. He warned that absenteeism or failure to respond to farmers' queries would be viewed seriously and could lead to recommendations for suspension.

Daddal emphasized that all Raitha Samparka Kendras should maintain sufficient stock of quality seeds and fertilizers, especially as the monsoon has already set in.

SUNDAYS-ON-CYCLE

Mangaluru cyclists ride for sustainability on World Bicycle Day

MANGALURU

The city witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of cycling lovers who came together to mark World Bicycle Day through the ongoing "Sundays on Cycle" campaign, turning a routine Sunday into a message of sustainability and community wellness.

The event began early on June 7 at Mangala Stadium, where participants assembled despite rain-soaked conditions. The ride was organised by the Mangalore



Cycling Club in coordination with MY Bharat Dakshina Kannada, with support from the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports and the National Ser-

vice Scheme.

Before the ride commenced, participants attended a brief interaction where officials highlighted the importance of cycling in im-

proving personal fitness while also contributing to reduced urban pollution and environmental protection.

Dignitaries exchanged tokens of appreciation with organisers before the group set off together through the city's damp Sunday streets. The ride symbolised a collective commitment to cleaner mobility and stronger community engagement.

MY Bharat representatives linked the initiative to broader national goals, including youth skill development and the promotion of

healthier lifestyles. They emphasized that cycling should be viewed not just as a recreational activity, but as a sustainable mode of transport that supports environmental conservation.

Organisers from the Mangalore Cycling Club said the participation reflected growing awareness among citizens about climate-friendly practices. Many cyclists expressed interest in continuing group rides regularly, describing the experience as both refreshing and motivating.

Medical Students Stage Street Play to Promote Heart Health Awareness

BALLARI

As part of the National Surgeons' Week celebrations, a meaningful street play focusing on heart health awareness was staged on Tuesday in front of the Emergency Department of the Ballari Medical College and Research Centre (BMCRC).

The programme was organised by the Ballari chapter of the Karnataka State Chapter of the Association of Surgeons of India (KSCASI) with the objective of educating the public about the importance of maintaining good heart health and preventing cardiovascular dis-

eases.

The street play was performed by BMCRC interns and first- and second-year MBBS students, who effectively conveyed messages on healthy lifestyle practices, early detection of heart-related ailments, and the importance of timely medical intervention.

Their performance drew the attention of patients, attendants and members of the public visiting the hospital. Senior doctors present at the event appreciated the students for their social commitment and efforts in promoting public health awareness.

QUICK READ



NGT Orders Probe Into Noida Groundwater Misuse

New Delhi
The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Uttar Pradesh Ground Water Department to investigate allegations of illegal groundwater extraction by private builders, industries, and other entities in Noida and Greater Noida. The tribunal instructed authorities to take corrective and punitive action if any violations are found. The order was issued by a Bench comprising Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava and expert member Dr. Afroz Ahmad while disposing of a petition filed by environmental conservationist Vikrant Tongad through advocate Akash Vashishtha. The case raised concerns over unauthorised use of groundwater in the region.

Delhi Court Rejects NEET Leak Accused's Bail

New Delhi
A Delhi court on Tuesday rejected the bail plea of Manisha Waghmare, an accused in the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak case being investigated by the CBI. The defence argued that Waghmare, an education counsellor, received Rs 3.5 lakh through a gift deed linked to ancestral property and that no incriminating material was found during searches at her home. Opposing bail, the CBI alleged she actively helped circulate leaked exam questions for money and cited statements from candidates who claimed they paid her for access to the paper.

Six Killed In Jalgaon Road Mishap Tragedy

Jalgaon
Six people were killed and one person was seriously injured after a speeding car collided head-on with a motorcycle near Londhe Phata in Amalner, Jalgaon district, Maharashtra. The accident occurred around 7 a.m. when a family travelling from Gujarat to attend an engagement ceremony met with the tragedy. After the collision, the motorcycle crashed into an oncoming bus. The deceased were identified as Nandlal Mahajan, Anita Mahajan, Suresh Mahajan, Nirmala Mahajan, Nilesh Tawade and Falguni Bhoi. Car driver Aditya Mahajan suffered severe leg fractures and was admitted to a private hospital.

OPPOSITION CRITICISES CUT IN UJJWALA LPG SUBSIDIES

NEW DELHI
Opposition parties on Tuesday criticised the Centre's reported decision to reduce the number of subsidised LPG cylinder refills available under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) from nine per year to four. Leaders from the Congress and RJD said the move would place an additional burden on poor and middle-class families. Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit alleged that the reduction reflected the government's inability to continue welfare support at earlier levels. He claimed that previous governments had provided higher levels of subsidy and argued that support for at least six to nine cylinders annually should have been maintained. Dikshit also questioned the govern-

ment's economic claims, saying that if earlier administrations could offer greater assistance, the present reduction suggested growing financial pressure. He further alleged that subsidies in several sectors, including fuel, fertilisers and irrigation, had been reduced over time. According to him, citizens are now paying various taxes and charges that increase their financial burden. The Congress leader sarcastically remarked that the scheme should now be called the "Andhkaar Scheme" instead of the Ujjwala scheme, referring to the reduction in subsidised refills.RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha also criticised the decision. He noted that subsidised cylinders were once available for 12 refills annually before being reduced to nine and now reportedly to four.

Modi Surpasses Nehru With Security-Focused Governance Legacy

Narendra Modi will become the country's longest-serving elected Prime Minister

NEW DELHI

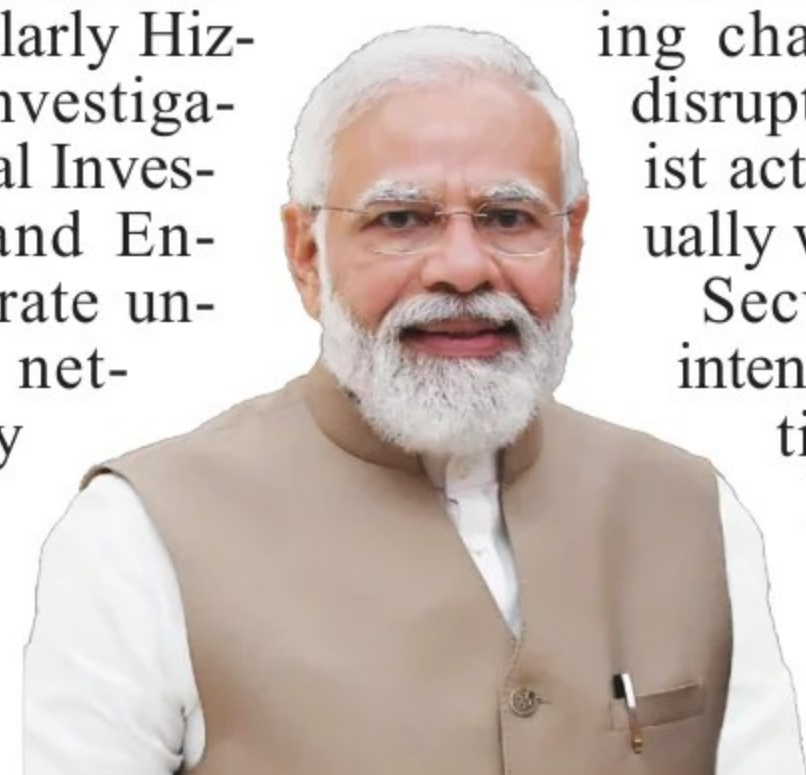
National security reforms and anti-terror measures have remained central to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governance journey. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will complete 4,399 consecutive days in office on June 10, surpassing the record of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, who served 4,398 continuous days. Modi, who first took oath on May 26, 2014, will become the country's longest-serving

elected Prime Minister. Over the past 12 years, the Modi government has introduced several major policy changes, with national security emerging as one of its key focus areas. During this period, security agencies dismantled home-grown terror networks, including the Indian Mujahideen. After reducing the threat from domestic terror groups, the government shifted its attention towards Jammu and Kashmir. Soon after taking office, Modi held a series of meet-

ings with senior security officials and stressed the need to provide operational freedom to security forces. Agencies intensified action against separatist groups and terror organisations, particularly Hizbul Mujahideen. Investigations by the National Investigation Agency and Enforcement Directorate uncovered financial networks allegedly supported through Pakistan-backed channels. According to of-

ficials, a portion of these funds was used to fuel violence, while large amounts were allegedly diverted for personal use by separatist leaders. As these funding channels were disrupted, separatist activities gradually weakened. Security forces intensified operations against leading terrorist commanders, including

Hizbul Mujahideen's Burhan Wani, who had become a key figure in militant recruitment. Following his death in an encounter, several senior militants were eliminated, weakening the outfit. Alongside these efforts, the government launched outreach programmes for local communities. The 2019 abrogation of Article 370 further reshaped Jammu and Kashmir, with officials crediting the move and reduced terror activity for improved security, higher tourism, and economic benefits.



Jaishankar Highlights Twelve Years Of Diplomatic Growth

NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Tuesday highlighted major changes in India's foreign policy and the functioning of the Ministry of External Affairs over the last 12 years since Prime Minister Narendra Modi first took office in 2014. In a post on social media, Jaishankar said Indian diplomacy now works around the clock to serve the nation and support citizens abroad. He noted that Indians today travel overseas with greater confidence and pride due to improved services and stronger diplomatic engagement. According to the minister, Indian embassies and consulates have expanded their reach, with 44 missions now serving the needs of Indians living, studying, and working abroad. He said the government has strengthened support systems through wider use of the Indian Community Welfare Fund and digital plat-



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said India's diplomacy has become more citizen-focused, expanding global outreach, welfare services, crisis response, and opportunities for Indians abroad over the past 12 years

forms that help citizens register complaints and provide feedback. Jaishankar also pointed to India's response during major international crises. He said the government successfully carried out evacuation operations and assistance efforts in

countries such as Ukraine, Israel, Afghanistan, and Sudan when Indian nationals faced difficult situations. The minister added that India has signed 21 mobility partnerships, helping citizens access employment opportunities abroad and become part of the global workforce. He also said passport services and document attestation procedures have become faster and more convenient for the public. Jaishankar further highlighted efforts to promote Indian culture, support students overseas, and improve access for Indian products and services in international markets. Earlier, Prime Minister Modi said the government's 12-year journey has been guided by trust, development, and public welfare. He stated that continued efforts in governance, infrastructure, and digital growth would help achieve the goal of a developed India in the years ahead.

Predictions of instability after the 2024 election have not materialised as the NDA remains united

NDA Remains Stable As Modi Government Completes Two

NEW DELHI

When the 2024 Lok Sabha election results were declared, many political observers questioned the future of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government because the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) fell short of an absolute majority on its own. However, support from alliance partners ensured a comfortable majority for the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. With backing from parties such as the Janata Dal (United) and the Telugu Desam Party, the NDA secured 293 seats in the 543-member Lok Sabha. Despite concerns raised by critics at the time, the coalition has

remained intact and completed two years of its third term in office. Over this period, key allies have continued to express confidence in Modi's leadership. Leaders including Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary's predecessor Nitish Kumar, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda have publicly praised the Prime Minister's governance and political achievements. Deve Gowda recently noted that Modi becoming India's longest continuously serving democratically elected Prime Minister reflects the strength and growth of Indian democra-

cy. He also credited Modi with protecting national interests and maintaining public support over a long period. The veteran leader observed that India's political environment has become far more competitive and diverse compared to earlier decades. He pointed out that leaders like Modi rose to national prominence without political dynasties or inherited advantages. Naidu said Modi's leadership has boosted national confidence and cultural pride, calling it a significant period for India. The NDA government has remained stable, with allies united and several key economic, social, and constitutional bills passed in Parliament.

Assam Hosts EU Delegation To Strengthen Trade Ties

GUWAHATI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma met a high-level European Union delegation, known as "Team Europe," to discuss ways to strengthen trade, investment, and economic cooperation between Northeast India and European countries. The delegation was led by Herve Delphin and included ambassadors, senior diplomats, business leaders, and representatives of major European trade organisations. The visit, which began on June 8, is part of efforts to deepen economic ties under the India-EU Comprehensive Strategic Agenda announced earlier this year. During the meeting, both sides discussed opportunities for investment and commercial partnerships in Assam and the wider Northeast region. Officials highlighted the

region's strategic location, natural resources, and growing industrial base as key factors attracting international investors. As part of their visit, the delegation is scheduled to tour India's first semiconductor manufacturing facility being developed at Jagiroad in Morigaon district. A business delegation organised by the Federation of European Businesses in India is also meeting local authorities and industry representatives to explore investment opportunities. Discussions are focused on sectors such as renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, electronics, semiconductor manufacturing, tea production, and agro-processing. The delegation is also participating in a seminar titled "Blue Valleys: Building Ecosystems and Value Chains Between India and Europe."

Court Defers Order In IRCTC Money Laundering Case

NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Tuesday postponed its decision on framing charges against RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav, his family members, and others in the alleged money laundering case linked to the IRCTC hotel scam. The Rouse Avenue Court has now scheduled the pronouncement of the order for July 16. The case is being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which has filed a prosecution complaint against 16 accused persons. Those named include Rabri Devi, Tejashwi Yadav, Tej Pratap Yadav, Misa Bharti, and Hema Yadav. According to the ED, the money laundering case stems from the alleged IRCTC hotel scam originally investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The agency has alleged that irregularities occurred in awarding contracts for operating IRCTC hotels during Lalu Prasad Yadav's tenure as Railway Minister between 2004 and 2009.

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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Manappuram Home Finance Ltd ("MANAPPURAM") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest ("SARFAESI") Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said "SARFAESI" Act read with rule 9 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Manappuram Home Finance Ltd as mentioned below for each of the respective properties.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower and Co-borrower / Loan account number/ Branch	Description Of Secured Asset In Respect Of Which Interest Has Been Created	Date of Demand Notice sent & Outstanding Amount	Date of Possession
1	Prathibha Kumar L.S., Kavaria N.N., Siddeshwara, Dandamala, (NHLD00340044987/ Mysore)	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 141/107, P.D. No.152200602510600913, Situated At Channarayana Kavalu Gramapanchayat, Periyapattana Block, Mysore(D), Karnataka.Pin:571187Admeasuring: 111.48 Sq Mts. East-Vacant Site of Siddeshwara, West-Road., South-House of Shivama, North-House of Basavaraju	17-03-2026 & Rs.521385/-	05-06-2026
2	Basavaraju, Shwetha L.S., Chandra B.M., (NHLD00350058893/ Tumkur)	All That Piece And Parcel of The House Bearing Bearing Old Katha No.210, New Katha No.327/6/7 And E-Katha No.1525007008000120078, Measuring East To West:7.62 Meters And North To South: 13.7160 Meters, Situated At Badamaramahalli Village, Hukunte Hobli, Sira Taluk, Tumkur District, Under The Limit of Handikunte Gramapanchayathi, Karnataka, Pin: 572113. East-Road, West-House of Navitharamma, South-Remainning Property of Navitharamma, North-Remainning Property of Navitharamma	17-03-2026 & Rs.520143/-	05-06-2026
3	Sujatha M.V., Yoganath B.R., (NHLD0040013495/ Mysore)	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing No.578/879, P.D. No.152100100700120256, Situated At Bukinkere Village, Bukinkere Grama Panchayathi, Krishnarajpetta Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka, Pin: 571812 Totally 193.24 Square Meters. East-Land Belongs To Ramaswamy, West-Land Belongs To Javaregowda S/O Sathegowda, South-Canal Road., North-Land Belongs To Ramaswamy	18-03-2026 & Rs.356099/-	05-06-2026
4	Jayamma C., Manjunath C.R., (NHLD00510015494/ Shimoga)	All That Part And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 87/88, Khata No. 15240040300300497, As Per Gram Panchayat Record Property No. 98, Measuring In Total 167.23 Sq Meter Including Measuring 41.81 Sq Meter House Property Situated At Bhadrappura, Taralaghatta Gram Panchayath, Shikaripura Taluk And Shivamogga District, Karnataka, Pin: 577427, East-Property of Shikaripura W/O Parameshappa, West-Property of Prem W/O Lakshmanappa, South-Road, North-Road	18-03-2026 & Rs.420777/-	05-06-2026

Date: 10th June 2026 | Place: KARNATAKA Sd/- Authorised Officer Manappuram Home Finance Ltd

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL KOLLEGAL CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT

NO. MUNI/KGL/E.S/TENDER/CR/01/2026-27 Date :06.06.2026

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal only)

The City Municipal Commissioner, Kollegal Chamarajanagar District, invites e-procurement tender from eligible contractors under Kw-4 document Under Work details as follows Name of work: Road development work In Kollegal Taluk Srirangapatana-Malaimahadeshwara hills road State highway-79 chain from 68.70 to 69.61 Kms (Dasanapura Junction to N H -948 connecting road (near Animal department Office)) 2025-26 CMIDP Grants (DMA-2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT57539) Estimate Cost: 150.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: 2.00,000, Period of Completion: 06 Months. Last date for uploading of completed tender documents: 22.06.2026 at 5.30 P.M, Prebid Meeting Venue & date: 12.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M, (CMC Kollegal Office) Last date of receiving tender 22.06.2026 at 5.30 P.M, Date of opening of tenders technical bids: 24.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M & Date of opening of Financial bids: Informed after Successful technical Bid Contractors, Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from e-procurement platform (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/>) Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.erproc.karnataka.gov.in EMD and tender processing fees shall also be paid electronically.

Commissioner City Municipal Council, Kollegal.

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QUICK READ

Mother Arrested For Killing Infant Son Allegedly

Meerut
A woman was arrested in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut district for allegedly strangling her seven-month-old son and trying to portray the death as caused by illness, police said on Tuesday. The accused, Meenakshi, is alleged to have killed her son, Rudransh, on May 30 while she was alone at home in Murlipur village. She later informed family members that the child had fallen ill and died. The infant was subsequently buried. The case came to light after the child's father, Amit, who was away at the time, received information raising doubts about the circumstances of the death. Police said marital disputes between the couple also led to suspicion, and an investigation is underway.

Teen Girl Injured, Police Hunt Suspect

Mumbai
Mumbai Police have launched a manhunt for a young man accused of kidnapping and brutally assaulting a 16-year-old girl in the Amboli area. The victim suffered serious injuries to her face and jaw after being allegedly attacked with a stone and is currently undergoing treatment in hospital. Police said the girl is unable to speak properly due to the severity of her injuries. She had been living with her aunt and uncle in Jogeshwari after losing her parents at a young age.

President Appoints Three New Ministers In Puducherry Cabinet

President Murmu approved the appointment of 3 new ministers, strengthening the Puducherry govt

NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Monday appointed P. Rajavelu, V. P. Sivakolundhu and G. N. S. Rajasekaran as ministers in the Union Territory of Puducherry. The appointments were made on the advice of Chief Minister N. Rangasamy, according to an official government notification issued on Monday.

The notification stated that the President was pleased to appoint the three leaders as

ministers in the Council of Ministers for Puducherry with effect from the date they take oath of office. Their induction is expected to expand the ministry and strengthen the administration led by the All India N.R. Congress (AINRC)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government.

The NDA secured victory in the Puducherry Assembly elections held on April 9. Following the election win, N. Rangasamy was sworn in as Chief Minister for the fifth

time on May 13. Along with him, BJP Legislature Party leader A. Namassivayam and AINRC legislator Malladi Krishna Rao also took oath as ministers in the second NDA government in the Union Territory.

The formation of a full-fledged ministry had been awaited for several weeks after the government assumed office. The delay had drawn criticism from opposition leaders, including

former Chief Minister and Congress leader V. Narayanasamy, who had questioned the government over the time taken to complete the cabinet expansion.

Rangasamy had contested and won from both Thattanchavady and Mangalam Assembly constituencies in the election. However, he later vacated the Thattanchavady seat and retained Mangalam.

With the appointment of Rajavelu, Sivakolundhu and Rajasekaran, the Puducherry government has moved closer to completing its ministerial team.

Political observers believe the expanded council will help the administration distribute responsibilities more effectively and focus on governance, development projects and public welfare programmes across the Union Territory in the coming months.



Congress Shifts MLAs Ahead Of Rajya Sabha Polls

BHOPAL

The Madhya Pradesh Congress has decided to shift its MLAs to Karnataka ahead of the June 18 Rajya Sabha elections, alleging that the BJP is trying to poach opposition legislators and influence the voting process.

Senior Congress leaders said the move is aimed at preventing cross-voting and keeping the party united until polling day. The decision was discussed during a Congress Legislature Party meeting held late Monday night at the residence of Leader of Opposition Umang Singh.

Congress legislators Vijay Revanath Choure, Yadavendra Singh and Babu Jandel confirmed that party MLAs would be moved to Bengaluru in Congress-ruled Karnataka. While some legislators were reportedly not in favour of

Congress has decided to move its Madhya Pradesh MLAs to Karnataka, alleging BJP attempts to lure legislators before the June 18 Rajya Sabha election

leaving the state, they agreed to follow the party leadership's decision.

Singhar accused the BJP of trying to buy Congress MLAs and claimed some legislators had informed him that they were approached with offers of money.

He said all Congress MLAs would be kept together in a party-ruled state to avoid any possibility of defections or cross-voting.

The Rajya Sabha election in Madhya Pradesh is being held for three vacant seats. Each candidate requires 58 first-preference votes to

win. The BJP, with 164 MLAs in the 230-member Assembly, is comfortably placed to win two seats and has fielded Tarun Chugh, Rajneesh Agrawal and Mahesh Kewat.

The Congress has nominated former MP Meenakshi Natarajan and believes it has enough support to secure the third seat. The Assembly's effective strength is currently 229, though legal and membership issues involving some legislators could affect voting numbers.

Congress leaders said the party is taking extra precautions because of the 2020 political crisis, when the Kamal Nath-led government collapsed after Jyotiraditya Scindia and 22 Congress MLAs joined the BJP, leading to a major change in the state's political landscape and balance of power.

DMK Clarifies Stalin Remarks On TVK Government Stability

CHENNAI

The DMK on Tuesday clarified remarks made by former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin regarding the stability of the TVK government, stating that his comments should not be interpreted as an attempt to topple the administration.

Senior DMK leader and former minister Thangam Thennarasu said Stalin had no intention of seeking the government's removal or dissolution. According to him, Stalin's remarks were only meant to highlight concerns about the current political and administrative situation.

Speaking about Stalin's statement made on Sunday, Thennarasu said the DMK leader had earlier promised not to criticise the new government for six months after it assumed office. However, Sta-

lin later remarked that the government's functioning was so uncertain that he might have to speak sooner than expected.

Thennarasu said some political leaders and commentators misunderstood the statement and suggested that Stalin had predicted the government's collapse. He maintained that Stalin never said the government would fall and that such an interpretation was incorrect.

The former minister explained that Stalin was referring to what he described as a "cloud of uncertainty" surrounding the government. He said the remarks reflected concerns about governance and public issues rather than any political plan to bring down the administration.

Thennarasu criticised Vijay for not responding to issues such as crime, drug trafficking, power cuts, farmers' protests and sexual violence.

Minister Alleges Sabotage Behind Chennai Power Outages Crisis

CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Electricity Minister C.T.R. Nirmal Kumar on Tuesday alleged that frequent power outages in Chennai and its suburbs were not always caused by technical faults but were, in some cases, the result of deliberate sabotage.

The minister claimed that certain individuals were intentionally pulling fuses and tampering with power infrastructure to trigger blackouts and provoke public protests. He said electricity department officials were closely monitoring the frequency and locations of outages to identify suspicious patterns that indicated human interference rather than equipment failure.

Kumar said complaints had been filed against people caught damaging electricity infrastructure and added that some arrests had already been made. He also appealed to the public to report suspicious activities, especially in areas where CCTV surveillance is unavailable.

The statement comes after several neighbourhoods in Chennai and surrounding areas experienced prolonged power cuts on Saturday night. Residents in Medavakkam, Pallikarai, Perumbakkam, Sholinganallur and along the East Coast Road reported outages lasting between two and four hours, forcing many to spend a sleepless night.

Frustrated by repeated dis-

ruptions, residents staged protests and demanded a permanent solution. While consumers alleged that power cuts had become frequent, senior officials from the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board maintained that temporary failures were caused by tripping and distribution-related issues.

Kumar said CCTV footage is being reviewed to identify those tampering with power infrastructure, while outage updates are shared through the Minnagam portal. Additional response teams and night patrols have been deployed. He earlier claimed footage from Avadi showed unidentified individuals removing fuses and disrupting power supply, causing losses.

CID Gives Abhishek Final Deadline In Forgery Probe

KOLKATA

The West Bengal CID has issued a third notice to TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee in connection with the alleged signature forgery case in the state Assembly, directing him to appear before investigators by 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

According to sources, the fresh notice was served after Banerjee failed to respond to two earlier summonses. A team of eight CID officers, including women personnel, visited his Kalighat residence on Monday and formally delivered the notice after he missed the second appearance deadline.

Congress released a detailed report alleging a wide gap between government promises and outcomes

Congress Questions Modi Government's Performance After Two Years

NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Narendra Modi-led government as it completed two years of its third term in office. The party released a 75-page "promise versus reality" document, claiming that several promises made over the past 12 years have not translated into meaningful benefits for citizens.

Congress leaders Rajeev Gowda and Amitabh Dubey unveiled the report and accused the government of relying on publicity while

failing to deliver results in key sectors such as employment, economy, agriculture, infrastructure, social welfare and governance.

Gowda said the government had promised to make India a global employment hub, but unemployment among graduates remained high. He claimed that four out of ten graduates were unemployed and that urban youth unemployment stood at 18.4 per cent. He also alleged that only a small percentage of unemployed graduates secured permanent salaried jobs within a year. The Congress leader

further claimed that benefits under the Ujjwala scheme had been reduced and criticised the government over women's employment opportunities. He said India's ranking in the Global Gender Gap Index had fallen significantly over the years. Raising concerns about the economy, Gowda stated that around 40,000 micro, small and medium enterprises had shut down in the previous financial year.

He also alleged that democratic institutions had weakened and questioned the deletion of voter names from electoral rolls.

Yogi Warns Against Love Jihad And Division

LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said India cannot be a refuge for people who lack loyalty to the nation or respect for its traditions. Speaking at the closing ceremony of a nine-day Shri Ram Katha Mahotsav in Lucknow, he called for vigilance against what he described as "love jihad" and "land

jihad."The Chief Minister said "love jihad" was part of a broader conspiracy to alter the country's religious demography.

Referring to concerns raised by courts in earlier years, he noted that Uttar Pradesh had enacted a law against unlawful religious conversions in 2020 and stressed the need for greater public awareness on the issue. Adityanath also spoke against alleged attempts to

occupy land through unlawful means, saying such activities should be firmly opposed. He asserted that India's land could not become a "dharamshala" for invaders or for those who have no faith in the country's values, traditions and national interests. Calling for unity, the Chief Minister urged saints and constructive social forces to work together to strengthen the nation.

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Tenders are invited from contractors through the GoK e-portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> to select a well-established and reputable Professional Consultancy Agency to set up a Programme Management Unit under the Karnataka Forest Department for the year 2026-27.

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Argentina receive fitness boost ahead of crucial WC title defence

MESSI AND KEY TEAMMATES EDGE CLOSER TO FULL TOURNAMENT FITNESS

KANSAS CITY

Defending champions Argentina have received a significant boost ahead of their FIFA World Cup title defence, with several injured players making encouraging progress towards full fitness before the team's opening match against Algeria on June 16.

The biggest positive for the South American giants is the recovery of captain Lionel Messi, who has been managing left hamstring fatigue suffered during his final club appearance for Inter Miami before the World Cup break. Although his participation in Argentina's final warm-up

match against Iceland remains uncertain, team officials remain confident he will be available for the World Cup opener.

If selected, the 38-year-old superstar will make history by becoming one of the first players, alongside Cristiano Ronaldo, to feature in matches at six FIFA World Cups.

Argentina's medical staff has also been encouraged by the return of several other key players to full training. Midfielder Nico Paz and defenders Nahuel Molina and Gonzalo Montiel all took part fully in training sessions in Kansas City, indicating they are close to match readiness.

Paz, one of Argentina's brightest young talents, has been sidelined since suffering a knee injury while playing for Italian club Como in May. His recovery provides coach Lionel Scaloni with additional midfield options ahead of the tournament.

Molina and Montiel bring valuable experience to the squad, having played key roles during Argentina's triumphant 2022 World Cup campaign. Together, the two right-backs have accumulated nearly 100 international appearances and remain important members of the national team setup.

Meanwhile, goalkeeper

Emiliano Martínez and midfielder Leandro Paredes continued individual training programmes away from the main group. However, reports suggest neither player is expected to miss any World Cup matches. Argentina begin their Group J campaign against Algeria national football team in Kansas City before facing Austria national football team on June 22 and Jordan national football team on June 27.

With fitness concerns easing and key players returning to action, Argentina appear increasingly well-positioned to launch a strong defence of the World Cup crown they won four years ago.

Spain defeat Peru to complete WC preparations on winning note

PUEBLA

Spain wrapped up their preparations for the FIFA World Cup in impressive fashion with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Peru in an international friendly played in Puebla, Mexico.

Despite missing several key players due to injuries, the European giants delivered a polished performance and will head into the tournament full of confidence ahead of their opening match against Cape Verde on June 15.

Spain made a dream start to the contest when Mikel Oyarzabal found the back of the net just two minutes after kickoff, giving his side an early advantage. The quick goal allowed Spain to settle into their rhythm and dominate possession against a Peru side that failed to qualify for the World Cup. Midfield star Pedri

doubled Spain's lead in the 32nd minute with a well-taken finish, ensuring coach Luis de la Fuente's men went into the break with a comfortable 2-0 advantage.

The Spanish side extended their lead further in the 53rd minute when Peru goalkeeper Pedro Gallese accidentally turned the ball into his own net, making it 3-0 and effectively ending any hopes of a comeback.

Peru managed a consolation goal through Jairo Vélaz in the 66th minute, but Spain remained firmly in control and comfortably saw out the remainder of the match.

The victory was particularly

encouraging for Spain given the absence of several important players. Young star Lamine Yamal, winger Nico Williams and defender Victor Muñoz all missed the game because of injuries and remained at the team's training base in Tennessee.

However, coach De la Fuente expressed optimism regarding their recovery, stating that all three players could be available for selection when Spain begin their World Cup campaign against Cape Verde in Atlanta.

Yamal's potential return will be especially significant. The Barcelona sensation has not featured since April 22 due to a hamstring injury, and his fitness remains a major talking point ahead of the tournament.

Following their opening fixture, Spain will face Saudi Arabia on June 21 in Atlanta before taking on Uruguay on June 26 in Guadalajara, Mexico. With a convincing win over Peru and key players nearing a return, Spain appear well prepared as they chase World Cup glory on the global stage.

Captain Endo confident Japan can achieve unprecedented success at tournament

Japan targets historic WC run as expectations continue rising

NASHVILLE

Japan captain Wataru Endo has declared that the Samurai Blue are aiming to create history at the FIFA World Cup, with expectations higher than ever following the team's impressive performances in recent tournaments.

Speaking after Japan's first training session in Nashville, Endo said the squad is determined to achieve something never before accomplished in Japanese football history.

"We will do our best with pride and passion to achieve something that we've never seen before in Japan's soccer history," the Liverpool midfielder said.

Japan arrived in Nashville on Monday and held an open training session at GEODIS Park, home of Major League Soccer club Nashville SC. More than 5,000 fans attended the practice, reflecting the growing excitement surrounding the team's World Cup campaign.

The players spent nearly an hour jogging, stretching and working through light drills



before interacting with supporters by handing out gifts and souvenirs. Fans had travelled from across the United States and Japan to catch a glimpse of the national team ahead of the tournament.

Japan will use Nashville as its training base before opening its Group F campaign against the Netherlands in Arlington, Texas, on Sunday.

The Asian powerhouse enters the World Cup with increasing confidence after producing two of the tournament's biggest upsets in Qatar 2022, defeating both Germany and Spain during the group stage. Those victories helped Japan reach the knockout rounds for the second consecutive

World Cup.

However, the team is now aiming to go even further after suffering a heartbreaking penalty shootout defeat against Croatia in the Round of 16 four years ago.

Supporters are optimistic about Japan's chances. Takuro Kaya, who travelled from North Carolina with his son Yui, said they were excited to watch the team and expected a deep run in the competition.

Japan will be without star winger Kaoru Mitoma, who missed selection due to a hamstring injury. Nevertheless, the squad remains packed with talent and experience.

Somali referee ruled out of WC after US entry denial

MIAMI

Somali referee Omar Artan will not officiate at the FIFA World Cup after being denied entry into the United States, dealing a major setback to the experienced match official just days before the tournament.

The decision was confirmed after US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that a Somali national scheduled to referee at the World Cup had been refused entry upon arrival at Miami International Airport from Istanbul. While the agency did not initially identify the individual, Artan is the only referee from Somalia selected for the tournament.

FIFA later confirmed that Artan would be unable to participate in training sessions or officiate during the World Cup and released a statement on his behalf.

"Despite the circumstances, I am in a positive mood and focused on the next challenges in my refereeing career," Artan said. He also thanked FIFA, the Confederation of African Football (CAF), and the global football community for their support and messages of encouragement.



ment. Artan expressed hope of returning to officiate at future international competitions and wished his fellow referees success during the tournament.

FIFA clarified that it was not involved in immigration decisions and had been informed by US authorities that Artan's immigration status would not be changed at this stage. "In line with previous FIFA events, a host government ultimately determines who receives a visa and who is admitted into their country," the governing body said.

According to CBP, Artan underwent additional screening after arriving in the United States. Officials stated that the process was part of standard inspection procedures used when officers need to verify in-

formation or assess admissibility. "Following inspection, the traveler was determined to be inadmissible due to vetting concerns and was denied entry," the agency said.

Authorities did not disclose the specific reasons behind the decision, citing immigration and security procedures.

CBP also emphasized that all individuals entering the country, including athletes, coaches, officials and support staff participating in international sporting events, are subject to the same inspection and vetting processes.

The development has sparked disappointment within football circles, particularly in Africa, where Artan is regarded as one of the continent's leading referees. His absence means Somalia will have no on-field officiating representation at the World Cup despite his historic selection for the prestigious tournament.

US team embraces WC spotlight amid growing fan enthusiasm

IRVINE

The United States men's national football team has settled into its World Cup training base in Southern California with confidence, excitement and gratitude after receiving an overwhelming



welcome from thousands of enthusiastic supporters.

The Americans held their first public training session at Great Park in Irvine on Monday, where more than 5,500 fans gathered to watch preparations for the tournament. The turnout served as another reminder of the growing popularity of football in the United States and the unique opportunity awaiting the host nation. Head coach Mauricio Pochettino embraced the occasion, interacting with the supporters and even leading a loud "U-S-A!" chant before the squad began training on the field.

"The facilities are amazing. It's more than we expected, and not only the facilities, but also the people working here," Pochettino said. "Great facilities and great people are

an amazing combination. We are grateful."

The United States will remain based in Irvine for at least the next three weeks and enters the tournament after completing a training camp in Georgia and two international friendlies. Their World Cup campaign begins on Friday against Paraguay at SoFi Stadium in nearby Inglewood.

Captain Tim Ream said the team had been pleasantly surprised by the level of support shown by fans.

"We've all been pleasantly surprised by the excitement and buzz around the team. Seeing 5,500 people come to watch a training session is incredible," Ream said.

The veteran defender stressed that the players understand the significance of representing the host nation on football's biggest stage.

"This is a once-in-a-career opportunity. There is pressure and expectation, but we have to enjoy it. It's something none of us will ever experience again," he added.

The event attracted supporters from across the country, many of whom secured access through a lottery system that reportedly drew more than 32,000 applications.

There was additional good news for the American camp as key defender Chris Richards participated fully in training.

Olise hat-trick powers France past Northern Ireland before World Cup

PARIS

Michael Olise produced a stunning hat-trick as France defeated Northern Ireland 3-1 in their final warm-up match before the FIFA World Cup, giving coach Didier Deschamps a memorable farewell appearance on French soil.

The Bayern Munich winger was the standout performer in Lille, scoring all three goals as France completed their preparations in style ahead of their tournament opener against Senegal on June 16 in New Jersey.

The match also marked Deschamps' final game in France before stepping down after the World Cup, ending a remarkable 14-year tenure in charge of Les Bleus. The veteran coach selected an attacking lineup featuring Kylian Mbappé, Ousmane Dembélé, Désiré Doué and Olise, and the quartet frequently troubled the Northern Ireland de-

fence. Olise opened the scoring in the 43rd minute when he reacted quickest after Dembélé's shot was blocked inside the penalty area. The winger doubled France's advantage shortly after halftime, firing home from close range following another defensive lapse.

The 24-year-old then completed his hat-trick in spectacular fashion in the 75th minute. Cutting in from the right flank, Olise curled a superb left-footed effort into the top corner from around 20 metres, leaving the goalkeeper with no chance.

The performance further strengthened his credentials as a guaranteed starter for France at the World Cup. Olise has enjoyed an outstanding season with Bayern Munich, scoring 22 goals in all competitions and establishing himself as one of Europe's most dangerous attacking players.



Gukesh can learn from Praggnanandhaa's resilience, says Viswanathan Anand

CHENNAI

Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand believes reigning world champion D Gukesh can take valuable inspiration from compatriot R Praggnanandhaa following the youngster's historic triumph at the Norway Chess tournament.

Praggnanandhaa recently became the first Indian player to win the prestigious Norway Chess title after producing a remarkable comeback in the final rounds of the event. Meanwhile, Gukesh endured a disappointing campaign, finishing sixth despite entering the tournament as the reigning world champion.

Speaking about Praggnanandhaa's achievement, Anand praised the teenager's fighting spirit, creativity and perseverance.

"I am delighted that Praggnanandhaa has won Norway Chess in an impressive style. I am especially happy with the spectacular turnaround he achieved in the last four rounds," Anand said.

The five-time world champion noted that Praggnanandhaa's willingness to fight in every position has become one of his greatest strengths.

"He is always ready for a



fight and often comes up with interesting concepts on the board. The results may not always go his way, but his attitude remains the same," Anand observed.

Turning his attention to Gukesh, Anand said the world champion appears to be going through a difficult phase but stressed that hard work and persistence can quickly reverse fortunes in elite chess.

"At the moment, Praggnanandhaa is playing better than Gukesh, but things can change very quickly. Gukesh seems to be stuck a little. He can take inspiration from Pragg and understand that continued hard work eventually brings results," he said.

Gukesh is expected to defend his world title later this year against Javokhir

Sindarov, making the coming months crucial for his preparations. Anand also highlighted the healthy rivalry among India's leading young grandmasters, including Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa and Arjun Erigaisi.

"We have never had three players at such a high level simultaneously. They are constantly pushing each other to improve," he said.

The chess icon expressed satisfaction with India's rapid rise in world chess, noting that the country now boasts 95 grandmasters and consistently produces players capable of competing at the highest level.

According to Anand, India is firmly among the world's top three chess nations and continues to strengthen its position with every passing year.

QUICK READ



Zepto IPO filing reveals ED summons detail case

New Delhi

Zepto disclosed in its updated draft red herring prospectus that its founders Aadit Palicha and Kaivalya Vohra received summons from the Enforcement Directorate in April under FEMA-related proceedings. The ED reportedly sought detailed information on foreign investments, shareholding, financial statements, loans, bank accounts and the business model of the company.

Both founders appeared before the agency in April and May and provided documents and responses during multiple interactions. The filing also states that no further communication has been received from the ED after submissions. SEBI approved the IPO in May, with a fresh issue of about Rs 8,000 crore and planned use for expansion, technology and marketing.

Executive highlights strong AI revenue growth outlook FY26

Mumbai

The executive Chairman N Chandrasekaran said the company recorded an annualised AI revenue of \$2.4 billion in the last quarter of FY26, growing at a compound quarterly rate of 22.4%. He noted that despite investor concerns and broader IT sector pressure, fundamentals remain strong with stable margins, rising revenues and a healthy deal pipeline. He explained that AI will move beyond software into the physical world, impacting stores, factories, warehouses, energy networks, vehicles and supply chains. This will require experts who can integrate IT, AI and physical infrastructure. Addressing job concerns, he said fears of AI replacing IT services reflect misunderstanding of how AI integrates into enterprise systems rather than replacing human work.

GeM enables Rs 8.69 lakh crore orders growth

New Delhi

Government e-marketplace GeM has significantly boosted inclusion, with MSME registrations rising from 2,396 in 2016-17 to over 11.9 lakh, Commerce Ministry said. Procurement from MSEs rose from Rs 69 crore to over Rs 8.69 lakh crore, while orders increased from 2,994 to over 2.17 crore. Women-owned MSEs rose from 268 to over 2.16 lakh, with procurement reaching Rs 93,327 crore. Startups increased from 88 to over 40,000, with procurement rising to Rs 61,400 crore. SC/ST MSEs grew to over 66,000, with Rs 21,800 crore. Platform supported procurement of vaccine doses and syringes, alongside wider healthcare supplies. It continues to expand digital procurement efficiency and transparency nationwide under public procurement.

Ministers praise Modi's twelve years, Viksit Bharat vision

Union ministers hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 12-year tenure, highlighting welfare, infrastructure, inclusion, empowerment, and development achievements.

NEW DELHI

Union ministers on Tuesday lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 12 years in office, highlighting achievements in welfare, infrastructure, financial inclusion, economic growth, and citizen-centric governance. They said the government's initiatives have transformed lives and strengthened India's journey toward becoming a developed nation under the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal stated that the last twelve years established new benchmarks in service, good governance, and public welfare. He noted that schemes focused on poverty alleviation, women's empowerment, farmer welfare, youth opportunities, modern infrastructure, and national security have con-



tributed significantly to India's progress.

According to figures shared by Goyal, more than 81 crore citizens receive free foodgrains every month, while over four crore houses have been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. He also highlighted the opening of crores of Jan Dhan accounts for women, support to self-help groups, expansion of metro networks across major cities, operation of 164 Vande Bharat trains, growth in airports, and the rise of over 2.2 lakh startups

- Ministers hail Modi's 12-year leadership
- Welfare schemes transformed millions of lives
- Infrastructure expansion highlighted across sectors
- Financial inclusion achieved through Jan Dhan
- Viksit Bharat vision gains strong support

nationwide.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman emphasized that the government's guiding principle has been "Jan Seva Se Jan Shakti." She said initiatives over the years have focused on empowering citizens through inclusion, innovation, and opportunity. She pointed to the success of the Jan Dhan Yojana, under which more than 58 crore bank accounts have been opened, along with substantial growth in deposits. She also highlighted assistance provid-

ed to street vendors through the PM SVANidhi scheme.

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said public welfare has remained at the center of governance, helping India advance across infrastructure, digital transformation, women's empowerment, and global outreach. Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri described Modi as a leader committed to service, saying his vision and dedication have helped lay the foundation for a confident and developed India.

India is expected to witness salary increments between 8.6 and 10.2 percent across industries in FY27.

India salary hikes pegged at 8.6-10.2 percent in FY27

BENGALURU

India is projected to record average salary increments ranging from 8.6 per cent to 10.2 percent in FY27, driven by sustained demand for skilled professionals and execution-focused talent, according to a report released on Tuesday.

The latest report by Team Lease Services indicates a stable yet differentiated compensation outlook across sectors. High-growth industries such as electric vehicles (EV) and EV infrastructure, Fin Tech, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, and power and energy are expected to offer salary hikes between 9.6 per cent and 10.2 per cent.

At the role level, Electrical Engineers are projected to receive the highest increment of 11.2 per cent, followed by Quality Control Inspectors at 10.9 per cent, IT Support Ex-



ecutives at 10.3 per cent, and both Quality Assurance Engineers and Site Engineers at 10.2 per cent.

The study, based on inputs from 1,268 businesses across 23 industries and 20 cities, identified Chennai, Pune, Hyderabad, and Ahmedabad as emerging salary growth hubs in the country.

Industries classified under the sustainable growth category, including automotive, retail, insurance, and business process outsourcing (BPO), are expected to witness salary increases ranging from 8.9 per cent to 9.5 per cent. Within these sectors, Project Engineers are likely to receive increments of 10.7 per cent,

while EHS Officers, IT Support Executives, and Relationship Executives may see hikes of around 10.1 per cent.

Balasubramanian A, Senior Vice President at Team Lease Services, said salary trends are increasingly influenced by sector-specific growth and specialized skill requirements. He noted that compensation growth is no longer limited to traditional metropolitan centres, with emerging cities gaining prominence due to industrial expansion and growing enterprise investments.

The report also highlighted more moderate salary growth in banking, construction and real estate, telecommunications, and textiles, where increments are expected between 8.6 per cent and 8.8 per cent. Sales and marketing, engineering, and IT functions continue to show the strongest compensation momentum.

2026, driven by higher energy costs and base effects.

The agency also flagged weather-related risks, including forecasts of below-average monsoon rainfall and ongoing heatwave conditions in parts of the country, which could put additional pressure on food prices.

Regarding the currency, Fitch said it does not expect any significant further depreciation of the Indian rupee this year.

Last week, the Reserve Bank of India projected real GDP growth at 6.6 per cent for FY27, while cautioning that global supply chain disruptions, financial market volatility, and adverse weather conditions remain key downside risks.

REDUCING FOOD LOSSES

Fitch retains India growth forecast at 6.4 pc

NEW DELHI

Fitch Ratings has retained India's GDP growth forecast at 6.4 per cent for FY27, while warning that the ongoing West Asia crisis and elevated oil prices could weigh on economic activity in the coming quarters.

In its June Global Economic Outlook, the global credit rating agency said it expects India's economic growth to moderate to 6.4 per cent in FY27, reflecting a downward revision of 0.3 percentage points from its March projection. According to Fitch, domestic demand will remain the primary driver of growth. However, lower imports in real terms are expected to contribute positively through

- India growth forecast retained at 6.4%
- West Asia crisis poses economic risks
- Domestic demand remains key growth driver
- Inflation may rise to 5.3%
- RBI projects higher 6.6% growth

net external demand, partially offsetting global headwinds.

The agency forecasts a recovery in FY28, projecting GDP growth at 6.7 per cent as geopolitical tensions ease and the impact of higher oil prices subsides. Stronger consumer

spending and investment activity are expected to support the rebound. Growth is then projected to moderate to 6.4 per cent in FY29, aligning with the economy's long-term trend.

Fitch Chief Economist Brian Coulton said the oil price shock is affecting global growth prospects and increasing downside risks. However, he noted that a significant rise in global spending on information technology is helping cushion the impact on economic activity, particularly across Asia.

On inflation, Fitch said consumer price pressures in India have not risen sharply so far. It expects inflation to increase gradually and reach 5.3 per cent by the end of

Global LNG prices seen rising amid stronger demand

NEW DELHI

Ope's efforts to replenish depleted gas inventories before winter, according to a report released on Tuesday.

A report by Morgan Stanley projected the Asian LNG benchmark price to reach \$25 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) during the third and fourth quarters of the year. This would represent an increase of more than 30 per cent from current forward market levels and mark the highest price since early 2023.

The brokerage noted that LNG prices are likely to remain elevated even if geopolitical tensions in the Middle East ease in the coming months. Disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial route for LNG exports from major producers such as Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, have continued to influence global energy markets.

According to the report, natural gas demand has begun recovering in key Asian economies, including India and China. At the same time, Europe faces increasing pressure to rebuild gas inventories after storage levels fell significantly below historical averages.

Analysts observed that weaker LNG imports during March and April helped offset some supply disruptions. However, demand has started rebounding with the onset of summer and growing require-



Global LNG prices may surge as Asian demand strengthens and Europe accelerates inventory rebuilding ahead of winter.

ments for energy storage.

Despite challenges in the Persian Gulf region, global LNG supply has remained relatively resilient. Increased output from facilities in other regions and additional export capacity in North America have helped support market availability. As a result, global LNG supply in May was only around one million tonnes lower than the corresponding period last year.

The report also highlighted forecasts of above-normal temperatures across parts of Asia during June and July, which are expected to boost LNG consumption for cooling purposes.

In Europe, gas demand softened last month, but storage inventories remain about 17 per cent below year-ago levels and nearly 25 per cent lower than the 10-year average, underscoring the need for additional LNG purchases in the coming months.

IIT Madras to showcase innovations at France event

NEW DELHI

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) will showcase a wide range of deep-tech innovations, strategic research initiatives, and incubated startups at Bharat Innovates 2026, an international technology exhibition scheduled to be held in France from June 14 to 16.

Organized by the Ministry of Education, the event aims to identify, mentor, and showcase some of India's most promising technology ventures emerging from higher educational institutions and centrally funded technical institutes. It is expected to bring together innovators, investors, policymakers, industry leaders, research institutions, and technology partners from across the world.

IIT Madras will play a prominent role by leading two of the 13 thematic areas at the event and presenting 15 startups incubated at the institute. The institute's pavilion will also feature five major research projects that demonstrate India's growing capabilities in deep-tech innovation and indigenous technology development.

Among the key technologies on display will be Hyperloop transportation systems, lab-grown diamond technologies, indigenous 5G and 6G communication solutions, smart port automation platforms, and

low-compute artificial intelligence ecosystems.

IIT Madras Director Prof. V. Kamakoti said the India-France Year of Innovation 2026 and Bharat Innovates 2026 are expected to strengthen collaboration between IIT Madras and French universities, research laboratories, industries, and startups. He noted that the event could pave the way for joint research projects, technology transfer initiatives, startup partnerships, standards development, and talent exchange programmes.

The institute will lead the Blue Economy and Next-Generation Communications segments. Startups such as REIO Systems, As-trome Technologies, and WiSig Networks will demonstrate indigenous communication technologies, while Planys Technologies will showcase advanced underwater inspection solutions for maritime infrastructure. Another startup, Zerocircle, will present sustainable seaweed-based alternatives to plastic packaging.

IIT Madras will also exhibit innovations from the Indian Centre for Lab Grown Diamonds and its Hyperloop research programme. The institute said the event will provide global exposure to Indian innovations and create new opportunities for international collaboration and startup growth.

India poised to lead agricultural transformation: World Bank

AHMEDABAD

India has the potential to lead the next phase of agricultural transformation in South Asia by expanding food processing, storage, logistics, and value-added activities, the World Bank Group said on Tuesday.

The observations were made during the Regional High-Level Policy Dialogue organised by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) in collaboration with the World Bank Group-led SAPLING initiative in

Ahmedabad.

Speaking at the event, World Bank Group representatives highlighted that transforming food systems beyond farm production can generate substantial opportunities for employment, investment, economic growth, and poverty reduction. They stressed that the future of agriculture lies not only in increasing crop output but also in strengthening the entire value chain from production to processing and distribution.

South Asia's agriculture



sector is valued at more than \$700 billion annually and employs nearly 43 per cent of the region's workforce.

However, despite its scale, the sector contributes only around 16 per cent to the region's GDP. Experts noted that over 30 per cent of food produced in South Asia is lost or wasted every year, enough to feed nearly 300 million people.

India has made significant progress in agricultural production, with food grain output rising from 51 million tonnes in 1950-51 to over 330 million tonnes currently. Processed food exports have also more than doubled over the last decade, increasing

from around \$4.9 billion to over \$10 billion. The food processing sector now contributes approximately 9 per cent of manufacturing value added and nearly 13 per cent of the country's exports.

Despite these gains, experts said considerable untapped potential remains. They emphasized the need for stronger cold-chain infrastructure, storage facilities, logistics networks, and market linkages to reduce food losses and enhance farmer incomes.

To support this transforma-

tion, the World Bank Group is promoting AgriConnect and SAPLING initiatives. AgriConnect aims to connect 300 million farmers to markets by 2030 through infrastructure investments, policy reforms, and private capital mobilisation.

Participants called for coordinated efforts among governments, businesses, investors, and development institutions to strengthen agricultural value chains and create sustainable economic opportunities across the region.



BCCI prioritises recovery as Prasidh replaces Siraj for overseas tour

SIRAJ RESTED, PRASIDH JOINS INDIA SQUAD

MUMBAI

India fast bowler Mohammed Siraj has been withdrawn from the national squad for the upcoming T20I tours of Ireland and England as part of a workload management programme, with Prasidh Krishna named as his replacement.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the decision on Tuesday, describing it as a precautionary measure aimed at ensuring Siraj remains fit and fresh ahead of a demanding international season.

Siraj had originally been selected for the two-match T20I

series against Ireland and the five-match T20I series in England. However, following discussions between the BCCI medical team and the team management, the pacer was advised to take a period of rest.

"Fast bowler Mohammed Siraj has been withdrawn from India's squads for the upcoming T20I series against Ireland and England. Following discussions between the BCCI Medical Team and the Team Management, Siraj has been advised a period of rest as part of his workload management programme," the BCCI said in an official statement.

The board further stated that

the decision was taken to ensure adequate recovery and avoid any risk of fatigue or injury during a lengthy cricket calendar.

Prasidh Krishna, who has impressed in domestic and international cricket with his pace and bounce, has been drafted into the squad as Siraj's replacement for both tours.

Siraj has endured a busy season across formats. He featured in all 17 matches for Gujarat Titans during IPL 2026, claiming 19 wickets and playing a crucial role in the franchise's campaign. He was also a late inclusion in India's T20 World Cup squad and recently

represented the country in the one-off Test against Afghanistan, which India won by an innings and 300 runs.

The move reflects the growing emphasis on player workload management by the Indian team, especially for fast bowlers who face a packed schedule across formats.

India's T20I squad for the Ireland and England tours will continue to be led by Shreyas Iyer, with Tilak Varma serving as vice-captain. Young sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, along with experienced campaigners Sanju Samson, Ishan Kishan, Axar Patel and Arshdeep Singh, also feature in the squad.

Australian legend hails Sooryavanshi's impact while backing traditional Test cricket

Sooryavanshi changed cricket's dynamics, says McGrath while praising teenage sensation

CHENNAI

Former Australian pace great Glenn McGrath has heaped praise on teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, saying the youngster has already "changed the game" with his extraordinary performances and fearless approach in the IPL.

McGrath, who is in Chennai as Director of Coaching at the MRF Pace Foundation alongside chief coach M. Senthilnathan, described Sooryavanshi as a rare talent whose power-hitting and maturity have surprised cricket followers around the world.

The Australian World Cup winner said the 15-year-old's remarkable IPL campaign,

which earned him the Orange Cap and a place in India's T20I squad for the England and Ireland tour, had been nothing short of sensational.

"It is nice to see the kid play the way he did in the IPL. He has definitely changed the game," McGrath said, recalling the teenager's fearless batting against some of the world's best bowlers, including three consecutive sixes off Australian captain Pat Cummins.

"He was unbelievable. A guy who is only 15 looks incredibly strong. I think something like this can happen only in India or the subcontinent. In Australia, I can't imagine a 15-year-old playing at this level," he added.



While applauding Sooryavanshi's achievements, McGrath stressed that Test cricket remains the ultimate challenge and hoped young players would continue to value the longest format. He opposed suggestions of reducing Test matches to four days, insisting that five-day contests provide the true examination of a player's skill and

character.

Referring to India's recent innings victory over Afghanistan, McGrath said he was pleased with the result but disappointed that the match ended in just three days.

"Test cricket should be a contest between bat and ball and last five days. Playing on a fifth-day wicket is the ultimate challenge," he said.

McGrath also expressed pride in MRF Pace Foundation products Sakib Hussain and Praful Hinge, who impressed for Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL, saying their performances reflected the academy's continued success in nurturing fast-bowling talent.



DHARAMSHALA

India all-rounder Hardik Pandya has been cleared to return to international cricket for the upcoming three-match ODI series against Afghanistan after successfully completing fitness assessments at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru.

India receives major boost as Hardik Pandya regains full fitness ahead

The 32-year-old, who missed several IPL matches for Mumbai Indians due to recurring back spasms, has been undergoing rehabilitation and training at the CoE since June 2.

According to BCCI sources, Pandya completed a series of match simulations over five days and bowled his full quota of 10 overs without any discomfort, a key indicator of his readiness for 50-over cricket.

Officials monitoring his progress confirmed that his fitness parameters were reviewed and approved by

the Strength and Conditioning team at the CoE. The successful completion of his bowling workload comes as a major boost for the Indian team, which relies heavily on Pandya's ability to contribute with both bat and ball.

Pandya remains a crucial component of India's white-ball setup, providing balance through his pace bowling and aggressive finishing abilities in the lower middle order. His return is expected to strengthen India's preparations ahead of a busy international calendar.

While it remains unclear whether Pandya will join the squad for an under-lights training session in Chandigarh or link up directly with the team in Dharamshala, his fitness clearance has effectively ended concerns surrounding his availability for the Afghanistan series.

Meanwhile, former India captain Rohit Sharma is also at the Centre of Excellence undergoing assessment for a hamstring niggle that sidelined him during several matches of the recent IPL season. Team management is expected to receive an update on Rohit's condition in the coming days.

Red-ball cricket remains pinnacle of sport, says debutant Manav Suthar

MULLANPUR

India's latest Test debutant Manav Suthar has reaffirmed his love for red-ball cricket, describing the longest format as the pinnacle of the sport and revealing that he continued practising with the red ball even during IPL 2026 in preparation for a potential opportunity.

The 23-year-old left-arm spinner enjoyed a dream debut against Afghanistan, claiming match figures of 7 wickets, including a stunning first-innings haul of 6/35, while also contributing valuable runs with the bat. His all-round performance played a key role in India's commanding innings-and-300-run victory in the one-off Test at Mullanpur.

Suthar said playing Test



cricket for India had always been his ultimate ambition.

"From the day I started playing cricket, red-ball cricket meant everything to me. It is the pinnacle of the sport. Whether it was Under-19 cricket or the Ranji Trophy, my goal was always to play Test cricket for India," he said.

Suthar revealed that he remained focused on the possi-

bility of a Test call-up even while representing Gujarat Titans in the IPL.

"When my name came up in the squad, I was practising with the red ball during the IPL as well. I wanted to be prepared if the opportunity came," he said.

The spinner also recalled the emotional moment when head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Shubman Gill in-

formed him about his debut. "It was a proud moment for me, my father and my family. Playing Test cricket for India has always been our dream," he added.

Suthar credited senior spinner Kuldeep Yadav and other teammates for motivating him ahead of his debut. He also highlighted the importance of consistency in red-ball cricket, saying his success came from repeatedly bowling in the right areas rather than chasing spectacular deliveries. Observing assistance for spinners from the surface, Suthar chose to rely on his stock delivery and disciplined line and length.

"I didn't want to get carried away. My focus was on consistency and spot-bowling. Whatever consistency I have today is because of that ap-

Pant is India's best Test batter, says Ashwin despite criticism



NEW DELHI

Former India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has described Rishabh Pant as India's best Test batter, while simultaneously criticising the wicketkeeper-batter for failing to convert promising starts into match-defining centuries.

Pant marked his return to international cricket with an impressive 81-run knock against Afghanistan in the one-off Test, helping India register a massive innings-and-300-run victory. However, his dismissal after getting well set left Ashwin frustrated, as he believes the left-hander has repeatedly missed opportunities to post even bigger scores.

Ashwin said Pant possesses exceptional batting ability and remains India's most valuable batter in the longest format.

"You've got out so many times in the 80s and 90s. It is

impossible to discover such a great Test batter. But playing such a shot on 80 is mind-boggling," Ashwin remarked.

The former all-rounder said Pant's record could have been even more extraordinary had he converted several scores in the 80s and 90s into centuries. According to Ashwin, the 28-year-old now has enough experience in international cricket to better assess match situations and take greater responsibility.

"He has played more than 50 Tests now. He needs to start playing according to the team's requirements on many occasions," Ashwin said.

Despite his criticism, Ashwin was lavish in his praise for Pant's overall skill and rated him above several of India's leading Test batters, including Shubman Gill, KL Rahul and Yashasvi Jaiswal.

"He is actually the best Test batter India has. When he de-

fends, it is so good that even Sunil Gavaskar is impressed. He has so much time to play the ball, irrespective of pace," Ashwin said.

The veteran also revealed that he had personally advised Pant on multiple occasions to value his wicket more and focus on converting starts into major innings. While acknowledging that aggressive batting is part of Pant's natural game, Ashwin argued that successful Test cricket requires calculated risk-taking and percentage-based decision-making.

"Natural game is about playing percentages in Test cricket. Not every ball needs to be attacked," he said. Pant's latest innings has once again highlighted both his immense talent and the debate surrounding his shot selection, with Ashwin urging the star batter to combine flair with greater patience to reach even greater heights in Test cricket.



LONDON

England Test captain Ben Stokes is facing uncertainty over his leadership role after the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) launched an investigation into an alleged breach of team protocols following England's victory over New Zealand in the first Test at Lord's.

Stokes and fast bowler Gus Atkinson are reportedly

being investigated for their involvement in an incident at a nightclub during the early hours of Monday. The episode is also believed to have involved a player from rugby club Saracens, which was holding end-of-season celebrations at the venue.

According to reports, neither Stokes nor Atkinson was injured during the incident. However, ECB officials are treating the matter seriously and are gathering further information before deciding on any disciplinary action.

The controversy comes at a sensitive time for English cricket, only months after the team faced criticism over its drinking culture during the Ashes series in Australia, where England suffered a

heavy 4-1 defeat.

In an official statement, the ECB confirmed that an investigation is underway.

"The ECB is currently investigating a breach of team protocols following the conclusion of the first Men's Test against New Zealand. Ben Stokes and Gus Atkinson were present at a nightclub in the early hours of Monday morning when an incident took place," the board said.

Reports suggest the alleged breach could be significant enough for the ECB to consider removing Stokes as captain. If that happens, vice-captain Harry Brook, who already leads England's white-ball teams, could take charge for the second Test at The Oval beginning on June 17.